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Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, agrees that Britain is a "good risk," he told his press conference in Washington yesterday referring to the statement by Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, the previous day.

Asked when Britain would require credits Mr. Morgenthau replied: "If I knew the answer it would not have been necessary for Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury official, to come over."

Mr. Morgenthau added that so far as he knew Sir Frederick had come to the United States only to present actual information on

BIG CREDIT
FOR ARGENTINA

A \$100,000,000 credit is being planned for Argentina by the United States Treasury and the Export and Import Bank, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, announced in Washington yesterday.

He added this total included \$50 million from the Treasury's Stabilisation Fund to stabilise the dollar-peso exchange rate. —Reuter.

British finances and resources available in the United States, and not to request a loan. —Reuter.

Spitfires Scatter
Raiders In All
Directions

FORMATIONS OF MESSERSCHMIDTS WHICH CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY WERE SCATTERED IN ALL DIRECTIONS BY SPITFIRES WHICH CHASED THEM RIGHT ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

Bombs were dropped on one town but did no serious damage, while an unsuccessful attempt was also made to bomb some small ships in the Channel but the ships replied so effectively that the raiders were driven off.

In the evening heavy gun fire shook Channel towns as British and German long-range guns fought a violent artillery duel across the Straits of Dover.

The cannonade was continuing with unabated force after shelling had been in progress over an hour.

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed off the British coast yesterday was 15, including an enemy bomber shot down off the south-west coast.

The remainder were destroyed in combats in the south-east, states an Air Ministry communique.

Two British aircraft were lost but one pilot is safe.

One Squadron Gets
Eight

One squadron of Spitfires yesterday shot down eight Messers-

chmidt 109's off the Kent coast without a single loss to themselves.

A Polish flying officer shot down his second machine in five days. —Reuter.

FRENCHMEN
WOUNDED

Two French railway employees were wounded, 14 Annamite and three Chinese workmen killed and 30 Annamites wounded when eight Japanese planes, coming from bases in French Indo-China, on Tuesday raided Tchechuen station and yards on the Yunnan railway 150 kilometres north of Hôkôw, the Indo-China frontier station.

Names of the wounded French-

RAIDS ON
GRAZIANI
BASES

In the Western Desert, El Adem, Sollum and Sidi Barani were bombed on Tuesday night, stated an Air Ministry news bulletin yesterday.

Aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron successfully raided stores and dumps on the road east of Chelga. The dumps were burnt out.

A direct hit completely wrecked the railway station building at Adarte, while goods trucks on sidings and a group of huts in the station were also badly damaged.

One of our reconnaissance aircraft failed to return but with this exception all these operations were carried out without loss. —Reuter.

men, it was stated in Chungking yesterday, are Castes and Clement. —Reuter.

HITLER PUTTING
OUT NEW PEACE
FEELERS

THE IMPOSSIBILITY of making peace with Nazi Germany was expressed in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

He said that we cannot make peace with a people who do not accept the beginnings of modern civilisation.

"We hate to see mangled bodies and ruined homes, but there is something worse than killing the body — and that is killing the soul."

Hitler was thus given in advance the British answer to new peace feelers, which he is putting out, semi-official sources in London commented yesterday evening.

There is once again talk in German-inspired quarters of the possibilities of a negotiated peace.

Hitler The Peacemaker!

Thus, a Budapest report spoke of a move for German mediation in the Italo-Greek war.

Other reports were a bit vaguer and spoke of a "general settlement."

In London, the symptoms are well recognised. —

From time to time, surreptitious feelers are put out by Hitler between his fits of blind fury marked by terror-bombings and propaganda predictions of eventual German domination.

During the last week, German propaganda has been saying that Britain's industry is crippled, her cities destroyed, most of her shipping sunk and her Empire on the verge of disintegration.

The Endangered

Having tried to convince Britain and the world that the Empire will be destroyed if the war continues much longer, Hitler imagines that he has produced the right frame of mind to save himself from the fate that awaits him.

But the fact that Germany should be canvassing the possibilities of a compromise peace is taken as more confirmation that it is not Britain but Germany herself which is in a very dangerous position. — Reuter.

KING AT
SOUTHAMPTON
AND POMPEY

The King yesterday saw what the Nazi bombers had done to Southampton, and standing by the bombed civic centre he chatted to air raid wardens when the air raid alarm sounded and a single Nazi spotting plane was seen flying high while bursts of A.A. shells appeared around.

The King went on to Portsmouth, where again there was an air raid during the Royal visit.

The King saw some of the men who brought over the recently acquired American destroyers.

Thousands of sailors and workmen cheered as the King walked through the dockyards. —Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the new refrigerator provide three types of food preservation: a dry all-purpose compartment for meats, poultry, fish, and butter; a second compartment designed to generate a cool moist atmosphere for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and essential vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a fan for quick freezing of foods, designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

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Important Statement On Sino-Soviet Relations Assistance To Be Continued

THE DECLARATION JUST MADE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO THAT "THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION TOWARDS CHINA REMAINS UNCHANGED," IS THE FIRST IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR FOUR MONTHS.

Last such pronouncement was made by the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, on August 1, when he declared: "Regarding our relations with great National China, which is fighting for its existence, they are as ever good-neighbourly and friendly, in accordance with the Soviet-Chinese Non-Aggression Pact."

China's Steel Industry

CHINA WILL BE PRACTICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN STEEL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND ABLE TO COVER MOST OF HER MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

This announcement was made in Chungking yesterday by an official of the Ministry of Economic Affairs after a conference of 30 Chinese iron and steel experts.

This year metal production has been 30 per cent. above last year. Within the next six months, it is claimed, four-fifths of the new furnaces will be at work reaching maximum output at the end of 1941. — *Reuters*.

While the new statement made to Japan does not necessarily imply any setback to recent efforts to normalise Sino-Japanese relations, it does give the lie to many rumours by publicly reaffirming Soviet friendship for China, as represented by the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

Nor does the statement lose in significance in that it made a response to the notification by Tokyo that the anti-Communist Article in the agreement just concluded with the Nanking regime is not directed in any way against the Soviet and will not affect Japan's desire to adjust her relations with the Soviet.

Japan Red-Hot

The "Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, discussing the international situation yesterday, noted that both Britain and the United States reacted quickly to the announcement of the Nanking agreement.

Regarding the internal situation in Japan, the newspaper declares that Prince Konoye's political and economic measures are arousing resentment. The "Red Star" adds: "The internal political situation is so red hot that the Army and Navy Ministers have had to demand the suppression of rumours and the activities of those who are trying to undermine the Government." — *Reuters*.

FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA

INVESTIGATIONS INTO ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA BY THE FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SPANISH CONSUL-GENERAL, SENOR RIESTRA—WHO IS CHIEF OF THE SPANISH FALANGE PARTY IN CUBA—WAS DEMANDED YESTERDAY BY A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN HAVANA.

In a resolution they urged a Congressional investigation similar to the Dies Committee on un-American activities in the United States, and called upon the Government to define its foreign policy. — *Reuters*.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN ANHWEI

Severe fighting is going on in the central Yangtze Valley in the vicinity of Fengtse, below Kukiang, according to reports received in Chungking yesterday.

The Japanese are said to have launched attacks on Chinese positions on the south bank of the Yangtze, where the Chinese have been threatening Japanese shipping plying between Shanghai and Kungyue. — *Reuters*.

PLIGHT OF DANISH FARMERS

The plight of Danish farmers since the Germans occupied their country is shown in a somewhat amazing broadcast over the Nazi-controlled Danish radio station.

Here are some pertinent facts, as given by the radio station itself:—

Pigs are so under-nourished that their bones have become fragile and many pigs break their legs on the way to market.

The number of sows has been cut by nearly 50 per cent.

Horned-cattle stock has been reduced by 250,000.

Danish cows and heifers have seldom looked so scraggy.

Barns, which should be full of fodder for the winter, give the impression of April, not November.

Farmers are faced with the problem of either selling their stock for slaughtering or trying to get through the winter by half under-feeding the animals.

There is only a small stock of super-phosphate for putting on the fields left.

Milk and butter produced in September was 25 per cent. less than a year ago, and there has been a further fall since then. — *Reuters*.

SQUADRON EAGLE

THE "EAGLE SQUADRON" OF THE R.A.F.—COMPOSED OF AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS—WAS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON YESTERDAY BY CAPTAIN BALFOUR, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AIR.

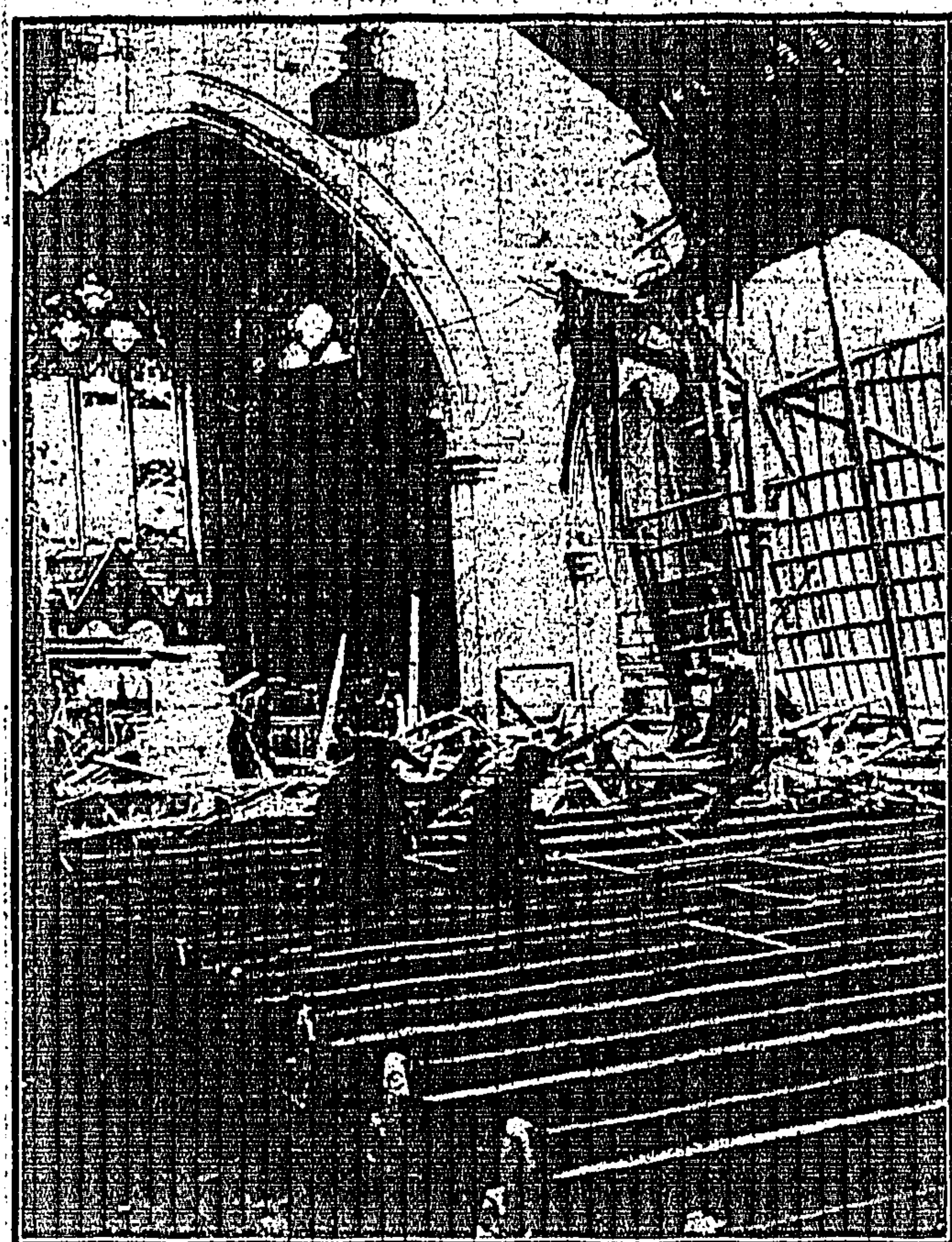
He said:—"The Eagle Squadron symbolises the common determination of the United States and the British Empire to preserve their rights to lead national and individual lives free from domination by the heel of Nazidom." — *Reuters*.

KASSALA SKIRMISH

A BRITISH PATROL SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED A LARGE ENEMY WORKING PARTY IN THE KASSALA SECTION, INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

This further success in the Sudan was recorded in yesterday's G.H.Q. communiqué in Cairo, which also states that in the area west of Gallabat British artillery was again active.

No change has occurred on other fronts. — *Reuters*.



Raid damage in the North-East of England. Interior of a wrecked church in a North-Eastern town. Scaffolding and walls have been torn down by the explosion. Workmen are clearing debris from the aisle and pews. (Copyright, Fox).

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY PLAN TO BE REVIVED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT intends to ask Congress to approve the treaty with Canada for completion of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project. The President made this announcement to the Great Lake Seaway and Power Conference in Detroit yesterday.

The St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty was signed in Washington in July, 1932. The treaty was, however, defeated in Congress two years later, partly due to lobbying exertions by railway and other interests who feared that existing channels of commerce in the United States would be adversely affected if an ocean-going steamer could sail up the waterway into the heart of the Great Lakes, thus obtaining direct access to the great distributing centres of the Middle West.

In his message yesterday President said: "It is now a vital necessity to complete this seaway which is comparable in economic value to the Panama Canal."

President Roosevelt added that the project would provide millions of units of electrical energy "which we need to speed up production for defence."

He concluded: "Much of our national safety and welfare depends on the completion of this project." — *Reuters*.

A LITTLE BIRD WHISPERED

YESTERDAY'S ROME COMMUNIQUE WAS DISMAL READING FOR ITALIANS.

It did not even profess to know what was going on in Albania, merely stating that "attacks and counter-attacks are reported to have taken place yesterday." — *Reuters*.

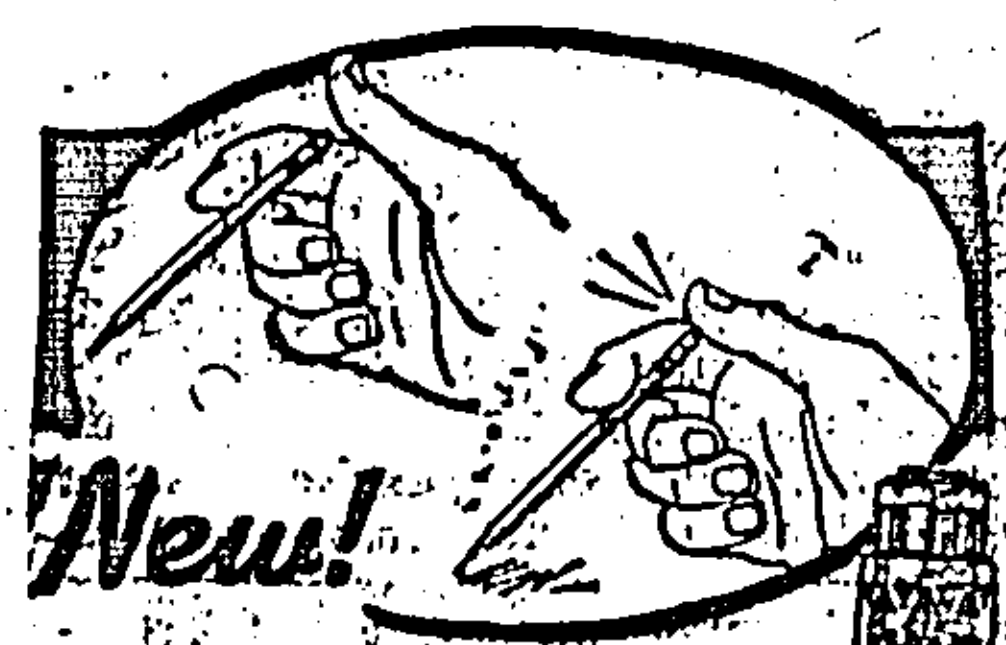
NEW ZEALAND'S PLEDGE

"New Zealand is with you to the last penny of our wealth, the last inch of our property and the last drop of our blood."

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, gave this assurance to the British people at a state luncheon in Wellington yesterday marking the approaching end of Viscount Galway's term of office as Governor-General.

Mr. Fraser said Viscount Galway would be taking back to the King and people of Britain, New Zealand's admiration and gratitude at their fight for themselves and the peoples of the Dominions.

"From Buckingham Palace to the slums of Wellington is the common danger realised and a common determination to carry on to victory." — *Reuters*.



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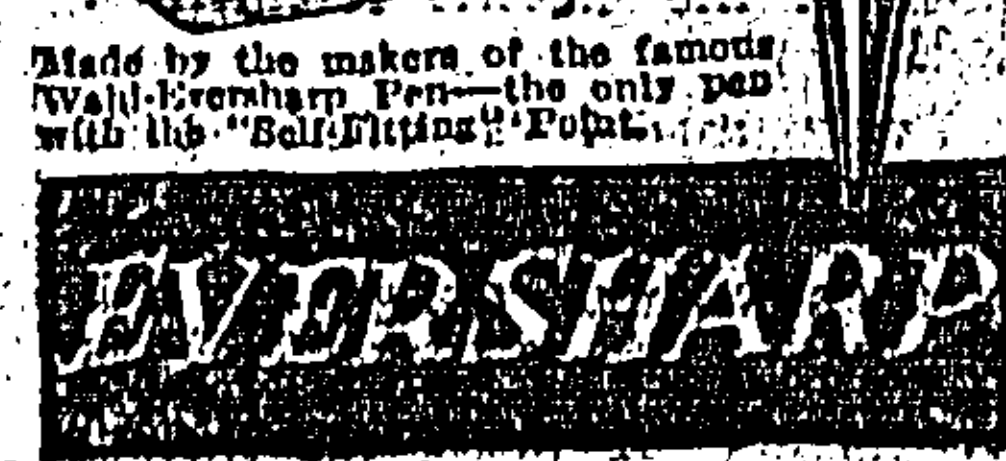
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War For A Way Of Life:

Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

The Maxton Fallacy

REPLYING FOR THE Government to the Debate on the Speech from the Throne in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. C. R. Attlee addressed his remarks to Mr. James Maxton, who proposed the amendment to the Speech and who covered the ground of his colleagues' arguments with all his accustomed vehemence.

Mr. Attlee declared there was a fundamental fallacy throughout Mr. Maxton's speech. It was that there was a choice between on one side, a terrible war, and on the other, all the beauties of peace.

"BRITAIN WILL WIN"

U.S. Observer's Verdict

The most important effect of the statements made to the Press by the American Military Mission on its return from a month spent in England will be to congeal the fluid substance of American opinion into solid confidence in the power of Great Britain to endure and ultimately to win the war. Brigadier-General George Strong, as spokesman for the group, said:—

Britain has apparently made up her mind to see this war through to the bitter end. The British generally feel that the world would be an impossible place to live in with the Nazi menace.

"Britain is determined to win if it is humanly possible. If she cannot win, she is going down with every man fighting and her flag flying. But the British are confident that in the long run they will win the war, and the present indications are that they not only can but will do it."

Mr. General Strong's considered judgment of this can be done without military intervention on the part of the United States, through access to American industrial production. "It is undoubtedly the necessary for the complete fulfilment of the British effort." "He could say that there was a half-way measure of compromise possible between the disintegration of the British Empire which he does not believe Hitler can accomplish and the complete destruction of the Nazi power."

"Magnificent R.A.F."

"Of the 'magnificent R.A.F.' he said that it was stronger today in aeroplanes and men than when the war began, and that man for man and craft for craft it far exceeded the German Air Force. Of British aircraft production he said that it was keeping ahead of its losses and that the production of pilots was keeping abreast of that of aircraft."

"The Army," he estimated, had a first-line strength of about 600,000 "hardened fighting men," fully equipped, which "would be a damn good fighting force," compared with the 2,000,000 men of the Reichswehr, of whom a large part was immobilised in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, and other occupied countries.

"Of the pilots, he said that the German machine-made while the British were highly

"I am not," said Mr. Attlee, "in a position to say when our war aims will be stated but I can say we are trying to establish a peace of all free peoples such as we civilised peoples understand it, which is not a peace in which everybody is subdued to the will of one man or nation."

"You must replace anarchy by ordered peace and must base that ordered peace on ordered justice."

"We want to build a new world on a foundation of liberty — giving the individual in every nation an opportunity to recognise to the rule his or her personality."

"It is directly there that you come up against the fact that the individual is nothing."

Cannot Lay Know Law

"We believe you can broaden and expand the principles we have adopted here—not adopted only but extended steadily—to the British Commonwealth and throughout the British Empire—an extension of wider political, personal and economic liberties."

In conclusion Mr. Attlee said: "We cannot lay down the law to the rest of the world and we do not wish to do so. We can only say here is our way of life."

Mr. Attlee sat down amid a storm of applause. Cheers heard for some time past.

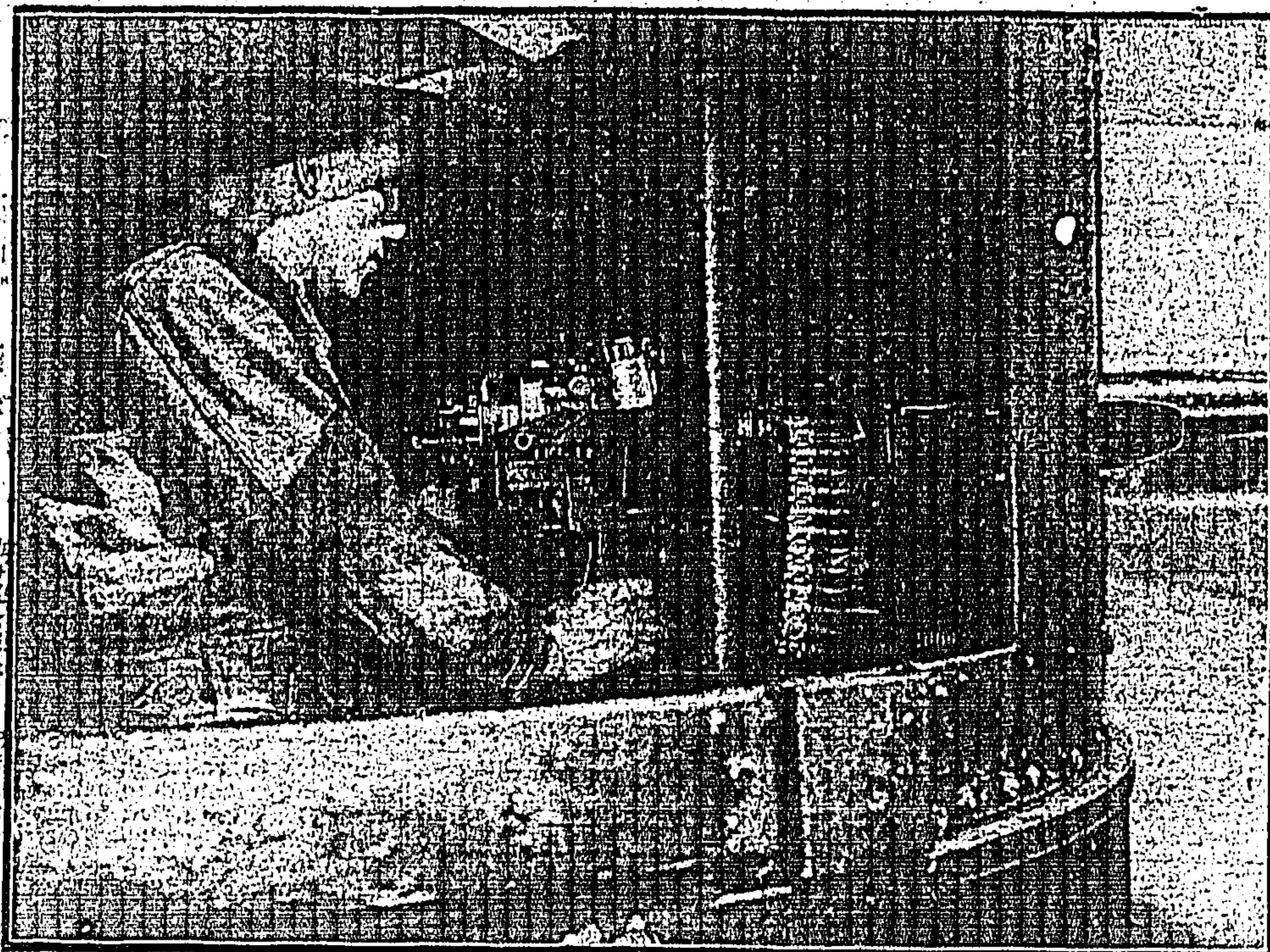
The Independent Labour Party amendment to the Address was defeated by 341 votes to 4 and the Address was adopted. —Reuter.

The s.s. Fatshan returned from Canton at 5 p.m. yesterday with a capacity number of passengers on board.

developed individuals. "There is no place where individual ability counts as in air fighting, and the British are superior to the Germans." Last Sunday he saw three British Hurricanes strike at a formation of 32 German planes over London. "It was like a hawk coming down on chickens in a barnyard. The Germans scattered like a lot of hell. I do not think that a single bomb was dropped." If the Germans attempt an invasion they will get the surprise of their lives for the time being, he said, "for the time being, passed when it could be launched without 'appalling' loss."

General Strong's insistence upon the small damage done by the Germans to British bases or to military production was an impressive part of his evidence, as was his assurance that the British reports of German air losses had been consistently accurate and, if any, conservative. But he said, "the British do need many more long-range bombers if they are going to take the offensive again."

ARMY'S LATEST MACHINE GUN



Special factories have been built for the manufacture of the Vickers machine gun, the latest of its type to be adopted by the British Army. The gun is made in two calibres, 7.92 and 15 millimetres, or .312 in. and .59 in. Based on the principle of the Bren gun which has a calibre of .303 in., the same as the army rifle, the Vickers can be mounted on tanks or used on the ground. From the 7.92mm. model approximately 3,000 rounds can be fired in 30 minutes without change of barrel. With the use of two barrels 7,000 rounds have been fired in 30 minutes. Eight hundred rounds have been fired from the 15mm. weapon in from eight to 10 minutes when two barrels have been used. The Vickers Machine Gun is shown above fitted in the Tank with a 2-pounder gun so that both can be used. (Copyright, Fox).

ARREST IN DOUBLE MURDER

WITHIN FIVE HOURS OF A DOUBLE MURDER IN THE CHUNG HWA BOOK COMPANY'S PREMISES IN GILMAN'S BAZAAR EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, THE POLICE ARRESTED A CHINESE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED IN THE SAVAGE ATTACK ON TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY.

The coolie, Wong Shu-kam, who was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, died at 10.45 a.m. yesterday, the bodies of both men have been removed to the mortuary.

After investigation by the C.I.D., the police visited the Company's premises in Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon, and, following interrogation, arrested one of the employees.

ADD ALSO A PINCH OF SALT

Italy is relying upon oil supplies from Rumania and Albania, the Italian news agency stated yesterday.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" is quoted as saying that Italy's oil supplies are assured and that Britain therefore is mistaken in her calculations.

"Italy is receiving by reliable means a large quantity of oil from Rumania, and she can also use Albanian wells," the paper states.

"To this must be added alcohol distilleries established under the system of autarchy and national production of methane gas which completely suffices for civil and military needs." —Reuter.

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BRITAIN INCREASES STRANGLEHOLD OF BLOCKADE

THE SIGNING OF AN Anglo-Turkish trade agreement was one of the most significant items in the news yesterday. Under this agreement, Britain will have a larger share in Turkey's markets, and the British Empire will become Turkey's chief customers.

The agreement is a smashing blow to the virtual monopoly in the Balkans which Germany had obtained by buying goods and not paying for them.

Turkey has large agricultural surpluses. In recent years, Germany has bought much of this on credit, and either not paid for them or forced on the Turks ship-loads of canaries and train-loads of aspirin.

Turkey was one of the first countries to resist this preliminary to German domination, and when Germany failed to pay cash restricted her exports. Germany still, however, got about half of her exports.

The agreement with Britain will completely alter the situation. Turkey will get machinery, railway equipment, cotton and wool.

Arrangements have already been made to ship locomotives and wagons, the delivery of which will once more prove Britain's mastery of the seas, as well as her ability to maintain her export trade even while a large part of her industry is making munitions.

Turkey will gain a large market for her agricultural produce and certain minerals, and this trade will be on a healthy basis because it will not be on Germany's barter-system.

Special Account

Under the Anglo-Turkish agreement, the trade balance will be settled promptly by payments from a special account in sterling.

The political importance of the agreement needs no emphasis. Turkey once more expresses her determination to stick to her alliance with Britain, and her distrust of Germany and contempt for German trade methods.

The agreement will, furthermore, deprive Germany of badly needed supplies and, therefore, reinforce the stranglehold of the British blockade.

In contrast with the Anglo-Turkish agreement is a pact by which Rumania is forced to buy German machinery and railway equipment at German prices. Rumanian products will also have their prices fixed by Berlin. — Reuter.

WIFE HIT HIM

A major, whose Italian born wife was stated to be in the habit of hitting him in the face with her fist and kicking him, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of cruelty.

The wife did not defend the suit brought by the husband, Major Morgan Paget Evans, Major and Mrs. Evans, who have no children, were married at Kashmir, India, in April, 1931. They came to England in 1935 and lived at Portsmouth.

Case for Major Evans was that his wife had a violent and nasty temper and her screaming tempers would sometimes go on all night. She used to strike him in the face with her fist and kick him.

At Portsmouth, in April, 1937, she threw a large nose vase at him, hitting him and smashing it.

Mr. R. F. Bayford, K.C., for Major Evans, said his husband arranged to make his wife an allowance.

SQUARE WRECKED NO ONE KILLED

NO ONE WAS KILLED AND NO ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN AN AERIAL TORPEDO CRASHED IN A SOUTH-EAST LONDON SQUARE WHERE ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE WERE EITHER TAKING SHELTER OR WERE IN TENEMENT HOUSES.

Some 400 people in underground shelters in the square escaped without a scratch, although the explosion occurred less than twenty yards from them. Fifty children, including babies, were sleeping in one part of the shelters.

The torpedo made a crater in the square, wrecked a public house, seriously damaged houses in the square and in adjoining streets, rendered many houses uninhabitable, blew people out of bed, or flung them from one room to another.

An hour after the explosion an elderly woman was found on the top floor of a house with a door blown on top of her—unhurt. A great hole gaped in the wall behind the chair in which she still sat.

Railings from a London square were found 150 yards away. They had been blown over the tops of houses.

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BAGGED SIX U-BOATS

Six U-boats destroyed is the claim of sailors in the Canadian destroyer Restigouche, which brought off the last troops to get out of France and is now back in home waters.

Rear-Admiral Stuart Bonham-Carter, Commander of the Third British Battle Squadron, referred directly to the men of the Restigouche and the men of a sister Canadian destroyer, the St. Laurent, when he told a Press conference that there had been no finer seamanship in the war.

"We got about six U-boats," said a member of the Restigouche crew. They didn't bother keeping count, but that was about the number the crew thought the ship had sunk. Of one he said: "We launched a net, and then

watched. Soon the nose of the 'sub' came up and shot right out of the water. Then it plopped right down under the water. Looked as though she was broken in two. Anyhow, she was a goner."

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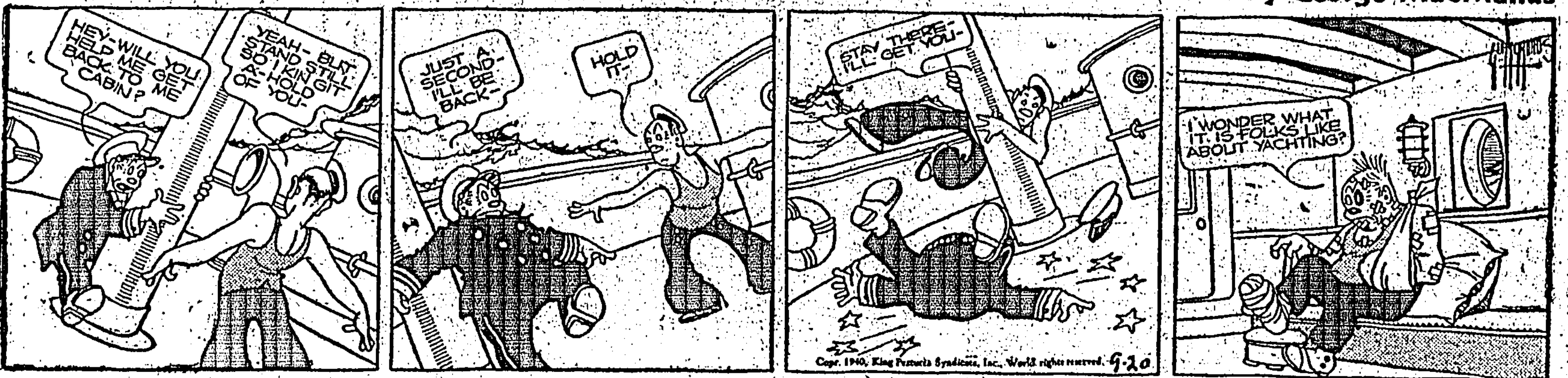
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"I was surprised when we retired to choose our foreman and one of the jurymen said we wouldn't have a foreman, we'd have a forewoman," Mrs. Clark told a reporter.

"The case was one of receiving and took four hours. The evidence took a bit of following, but on the whole it was a matter of common sense. I wasn't a bit nervous."

BOMBS NEAR CHURCH DIDN'T STOP WEDDING

GUNFIRE DROWNED the responses of a couple being married in a centuries-old church at Ipswich. Then came the piercing whistles of three high explosive bombs, dropped by a single raider.

One, of heavy calibre, burst a few feet from the church porch. The building shook, windows were blown in and rubble strewn about the aisles.

The vicar leaned towards the bridegroom, asking in a whisper: "What would you like to do?"

The bridegroom looked at his bride, saw her smile, and replied: "Carry on."

The wedding was that of Miss Gladys Garrard and Mr. Frank Harvey.

Outside two be-ribboned bridal cars were hurled against the wall of the church and buried in a pile of debris. A driver, sitting in one of them, was bruised, cut and badly shocked.

While A.R.P. workers worked to free the cars, which were towed away an hour later, the new Mrs. Harvey and her husband, unperturbed, posed at the church porch for photographs before inspecting the huge bomb crater.

Walk To Reception

Then arm in arm, the couple, followed by the guests, set out for the wedding reception, a couple of miles away on foot.

The bridal cars were to have taken two more local brides to their weddings.

Runners carried the news that they were immobilised and the two best men found taxicabs to get both couples at their churches on time.

The scream of a bomb momentarily drowned the strains of the wedding march as another couple were walking down the aisle. Anti-aircraft shells burst and more bombs fell. The church shook and people caught in the street dived for the shelter of the church porch.

The bride kept smiling as she posed for wedding pictures—then burst into tears and collapsed.

SPARTAN ANSWER

We who are suffering Hitler's various attempts to destroy London might recall a well-known story of a city standing in a similar situation many centuries ago, writes H. W. Nevins. I think Plutarch records it, but I cannot verify now.

In 337 B.C. Philip of Macedon, whom Hitler so closely resembles in treachery, deceit, and military power, had subdued nearly the whole of Greece, including Athens, which for civilisation might be compared with modern Paris.

Passing down through the Peloponnese and advancing upon Sparta, he sent before him a letter which said: "If I come to Sparta I shall lay waste the city, slaughter the men, and sell the women into slavery."

In their Laconic manner the Spartans answered: "If." To Hitler London answers the same.

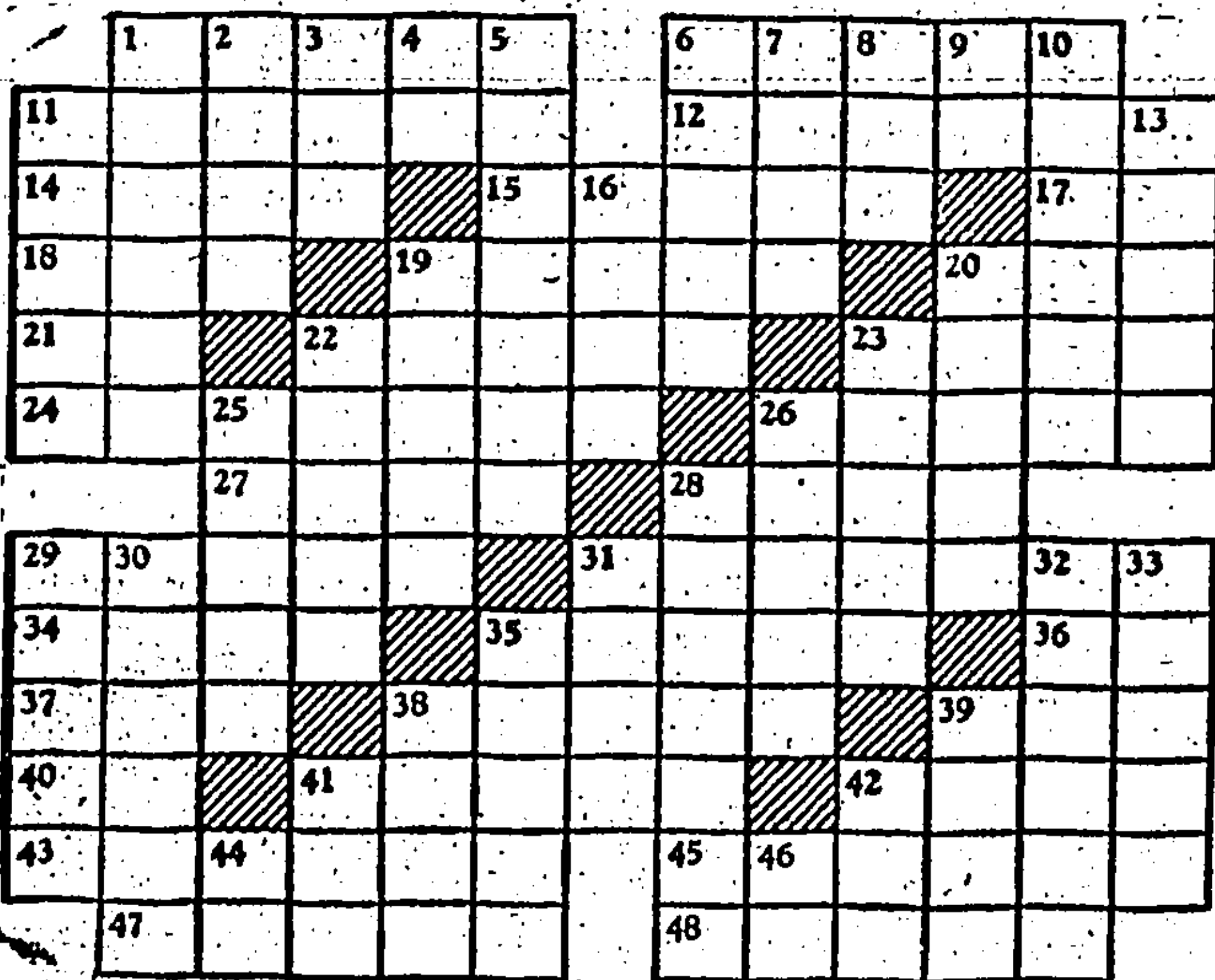
ACCUSED WANTS TO ATTEND WIFE'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Irene Clark, of Alan Close, Dartford, Kent, was found unconscious in an Anderson shelter.

Her husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, thirty, was charged on remand at Dartford with attempted murder by striking her with his fist.

Clark asked permission to attend his wife's funeral, as she had since died as the result of an air raid. He was told he should apply to the prison authorities and was again remanded in custody.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

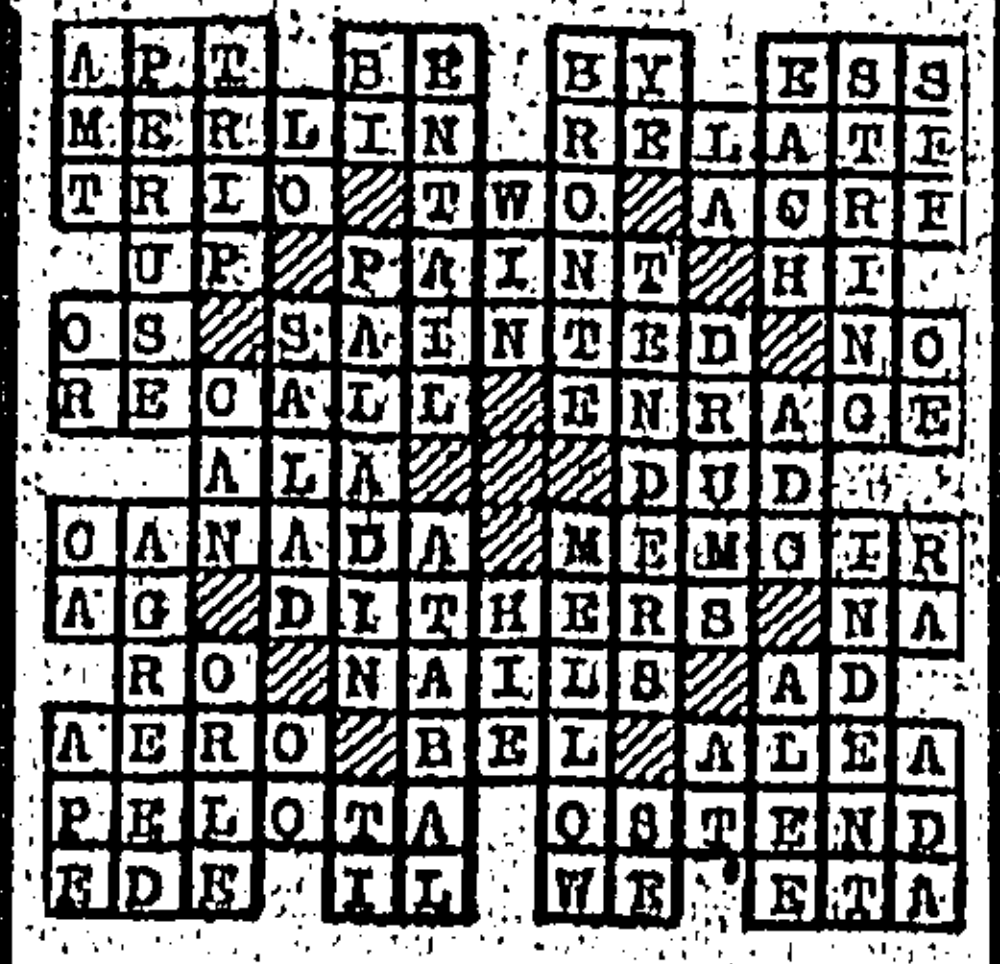


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1 Principal organ of the body
6 Opera stars
11 Of a rich quality
12 Prophecy
14 Tagalog: to learn
15 Splendor
17 Teutonic deity
18 Conducted
19 Criminal
20 A duet
21 Italian article
22 Cutting instrument
23 Favourites
24 Brought forward for consideration
26 Tenth of one's property
27 German river
28 Head of the Catholic Church
29 Disputes
31 Commander of an army
34 Precious stone
35 Cobble

36 Symbol for tellurium
37 Skill
38 Pretentious personage
39 Music: as written
40 Japanese money
41 Seized
42 Work
43 Shoulder of a bastion

VERTICAL
1 To announce publicly
2 Ardour
3 Completely
4 Artificial language
5 To draw out carefully
6 Grief
7 Persia
8 Large tub
9 Symbol for actinium
10 Detective
11 Girl's name
13 Eaten away
16 Lump of clay
18 Fronts
20 To hinder
22 Red
23 Musician
25 To distrust
26 Pertaining to sound
28 Flower with funnel-shaped leaves
29 Structure
30 Continent
31 British general
32 To adjust
33 Contract
35 Indication
36 Masculline
39 Pointed rod
41 Exclamation to check rashness
42 Poem
43 Molten lava
45 Conjunction

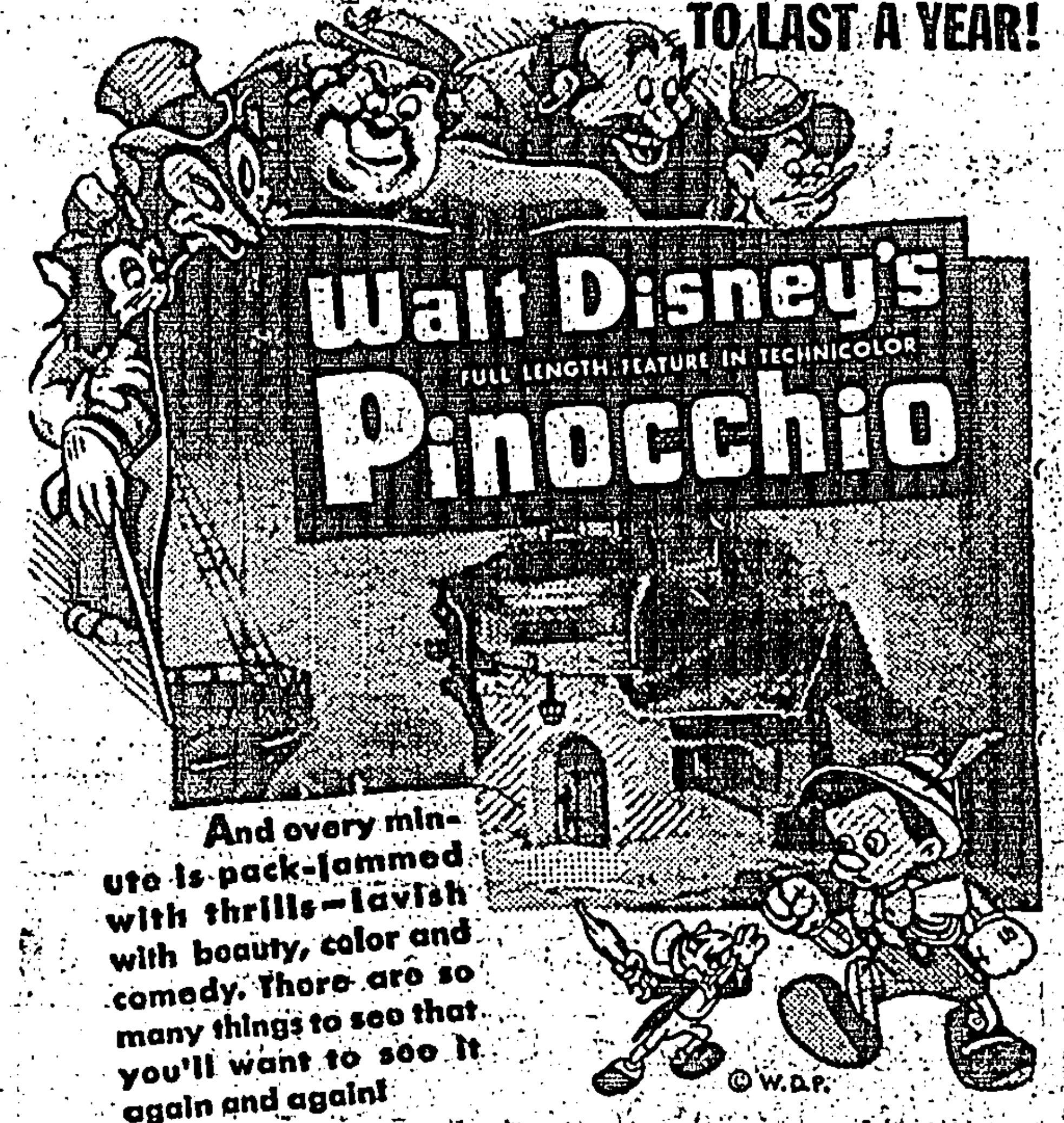
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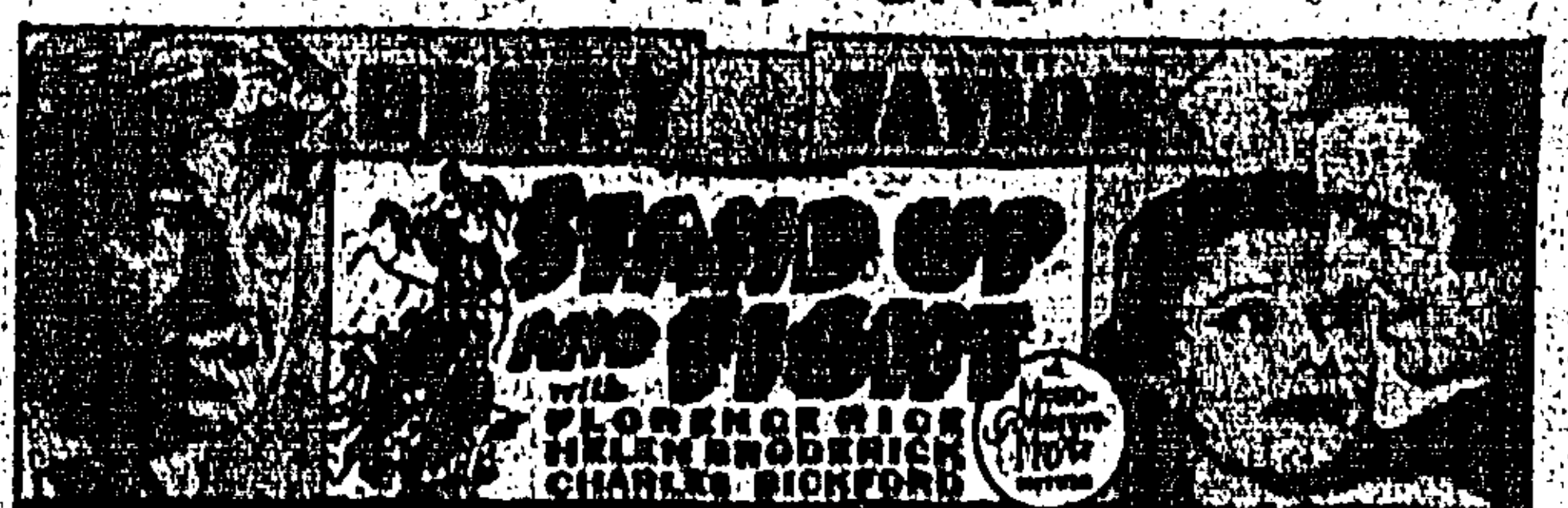
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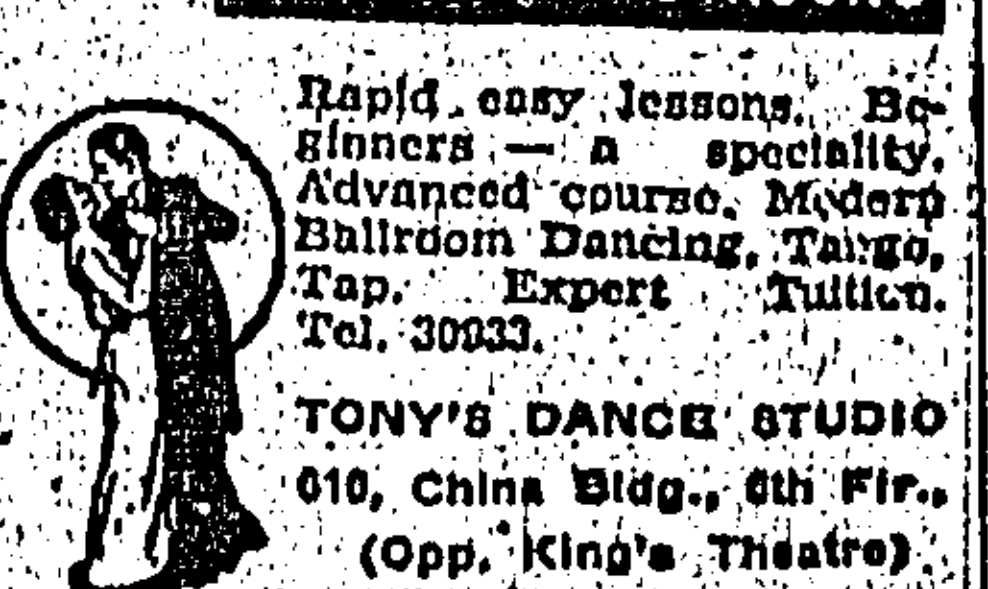
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RAIDER SHOT DOWN INTO GROUNDS OF FACTORY

During one of the raids in the South-East of London a German bomber was shot down into the grounds of a factory. Installations were damaged.

There were few casualties as most of the workers had taken shelter.

The bomber is thought to have been shot down by the first salvo of shells from an A.A. battery.

BERLIN'S WEARY NIGHTS

When Berliners take to the few deep shelters they can find they cannot sleep; their nights are spent leaning against walls that are damp, in surroundings that are badly lighted.

This picture of raid nights in the German capital was given by American officials just arrived from the city.

R.A.F. raids, they say, caught the authorities completely unprepared as regards shelter accommodation.

Official Berlin was convinced that the R.A.F. would never be able to reach the city. As a result very few shelters were built of a permanent character.

One informant spent many hours in the city's shelter in the last few weeks.

All, he said, were uncomfortable and damp. Walls were newly whitewashed, causing bitter complaints. None had any sleeping accommodation.

Feeling The Pinch

Other observers say that Germany is again feeling the pinch in essential commodities — particularly rubber, and large numbers of new American motor-cars looted from the occupied countries are now used by the army.

An American Official from Portugal spoke of the position in Spain.

He said he had seen numerous uniformed German officers in different parts of Spain.

He described the economic conditions there as deplorable — business at stagnation, and a great scarcity of food.

The internal political situation, he said, is definitely unfavourable to any change of the present position.

LUCKY DOG

Thirty-six hours after a delayed-action bomb had destroyed a four-storey house in London, a dog, who had lived on the top floor, scrambled unharmed out of the heap of debris.

Its mistress, who, with other occupants, had been evacuated from the house, had to be restrained from going to get the dog only five minutes before the bomb exploded.

And to the multiple stores which backed her for the establishment of similar services.

But she has no power to commandeer premises, even though they are available, or to obtain priority for the acquisition of the coal ranges.

That is a job for Government initiative. It is the urgent duty of the Ministry of Food.

MODEL FEEDING CENTRE BUT IT'S UNOFFICIAL

A WORKMAN came into the feeding centre from a nearby war factory and said: "I'll have all you have got." The woman helper behind the service hatch gave him soup, "a strong man's portion" of meat and apple tart. It cost him 11d, writes a London reporter.

A procession of children came in from the nearby flats and collected the hot dinners for the families. In the playroom there were other children whose fathers and mothers were engaged in war work and who were being fed at the centre.

At nursery tables tots were having tuppenny stews. In the next room an old age pensioner who had had his dinner was helping to wash up.

Because of the morning air raid the demand on the feeding centre was heavy. The housewives had not managed to do their shopping and the alternative to using the centre was "hard tack" from their stores of emergency rations.

The workman who was one of dozens from the factories around, had lost his home and his family was evacuated.

The centre was a godsend to him.

Meals For 600

Here I saw in action one of the new and, unfortunately, rare wartime feeding centres. It was unofficial. It was started six weeks ago as the spontaneous enterprise of a multiple store firm.

It was not a business venture, but a gesture of social service. It was an experiment intended to inspire or provoke the authorities to follow suit.

The head of the firm's welfare department had hunted around for weeks and had found a community centre in a North London housing estate. It was big enough to provide, in three relays, sitting down meals for 600. But 75 per cent of the meals are collected to be eaten at home.

The centre is administered by a committee of housewives from the neighbouring block of working-class flats. One of the things they barred — so that there should be no excuse for the old jibe — was fish and chips.

They have gone in for rich soups, wholesome stews and nourishing milk — or fruit — puddings. There is even a surreptitious cup of tea.

I could only eat the sixpenny portion because the strong man's

portion at 8d. was much too generous for me.

Makes Profit

Even at such low prices the centre every day is showing a profit — despite the fact that the original voluntary workers have been replaced by paid workers.

The equipment cost £250. That was intended as a gift, but on paper, at least, it will be paid off in a few months' time.

A second centre of this kind is being opened in a poor quarter of West London to-day.

My visit to the centre moved me both to admiration and to anger. I contrasted its efficiency, with the neglect which prevails in battered East London and South London districts, which I have visited.

I thought of that Dockland "Ypres" with its housing estate cut off by devastation from food and other supplies, of homeless workmen and haggard A.R.P. wardens scrounging bread and cheese, and of raid victims who have not had a hot meal for days.

An Example

Here in this centre is a working example of what can be done — proof positive of the need and the practicability of communal feeding. It is not only a humanitarian service; it is important to our food supply.

A Distinguished Personage visited the centre the other day and complained — yes, complained — that eightpence was too little to charge munition workers for a meal. They are earning high wages, he said, and can afford to pay more.

"Why should they?" demanded the organiser, "when we can show a profit on the eightpence?"

From all parts of London appeals are being made to the woman who organised this centre.

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STAGE DRESSING

The recognition of the Nanking Government by the Japanese is obviously a piece of stage dressing. Its object is to appease not China but the Japanese people who are heartily sick of this China incident.

Apart from the lure of Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies and the desirability of changing direction of effort, the Japanese feel that this costly adventure in China ought to be liquidated.

The nation has been well nigh reduced to bankruptcy by the heavy expenditure on the war which has cost so much in life and wealth to Japan. That, however, would be tolerable if it brought any permanent territorial or economic gains. The Japanese army promised as the Germans did their countrymen, a short sharp profitable war and have now had to admit that they cannot carry out their promises. They are inextricably mixed up in China, with their vast armies, which cannot advance, and are finding it difficult to retreat. They proclaim that the terms they are offering are extremely generous; and furnish proof of their disinterested motives in invading and devastating the cities of China. It is quite obvious that this military experience has had a chastening effect upon Japan, since she has not only suffered economically but has had a severe military set back.

Nothing can disguise the fact that she has failed to realise her stated purpose in bringing China to her knees. What she has done is to set up a Quisling, but without having eliminated the real government.

The treaty of peace with China is meant to mark the end of the campaign and to convey the entirely wrong impression to the Japanese people that the new order in China has been established and that all that remains to be done is to clear up a certain amount of debris in the way of guerillas and those who refuse to recognise the Nanking Government. The whole procedure is dishonest and childish, since Japan's task is not completed and never will be.

The real Chinese Government at Chungking has just been assured of American cooperation and financial assistance. The Burma Road is open and the Chinese armies more active than ever before.

If it were a real treaty of peace marking the conclusion of hostilities, then Japan would cease fighting and bombing cities and leave the pacification of China to Wang Ching-wei. Everyone knows what would happen in a month if she did so. The Nanking government cannot stand on its own feet, it must be supported and hedged round by Japanese bayonets.

The treaty of peace then is a sham—and a piece of hypocrisy, but it will probably deceive the Japanese people and will facilitate the withdrawal of some Japanese troops from the interior.

All that Japan wants and always did want is a weak disunited China. When the Chinese closed their ranks under General Chiang Kai-shek, Japan stepped in and provided the destructive force, now she seeks to step out, hoping that she will leave China once more for an indefinite period in a state of civil war.

Her wishes may be realised but only for a short time, seeing that her recent adventure has strengthened and consolidated the free people of China and those who seek to be free. That of course comprises the whole nation.

It is obvious that in the course of a year or two with the growing power of the nations that oppose her policy that Japan's retreat will be as rapid as her advance has been.

Japanese policy has been deplorable from the point of view of her own interests in recent years.

She banked on the isolationism of the United States, the preoccupation of Britain in Europe, the help of Italy and of Germany. Her adherence to the Axis gain-

R. A. F. Wakes Hitler From A Dream Of Conquest

By
Warren Irvin

The Air War Over Britain, newest phase of the European conflict, is clearly destined to have an important effect on the outcome.

In this article an accredited neutral observer discusses the facts so far, the prospects, and the implications of this great struggle.

The amazing success of the Royal Air Force in smashing the recent raids on Britain should not be permitted to engender over-confidence. The war in the air has not yet been won. Other, and more intensive raids, are almost sure to follow. Germany's air losses, though considerable, have not materially reduced the strength of her aviation. She still has vast reserves; and, when an opportune moment arrives, can be expected to throw them into the balance with utter disregard for planes and men alike. That is the German method.

But, at the same time, there can be no doubt as to the importance of the R.A.F.'s achievement. Here, as at Dunkirk, British planes and British pilots again have demonstrated their superiority—a superiority which should become more and more marked as the war progresses.

Not only have they rendered invaluable service in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the world, they have also dealt another blow to German morale. That morale, already at the 1917 level, is likely to be one of the deciding factors in the present war.

It is for this reason that I believe the most important result of the work of the Royal Air Force in the recent raids on Britain, has been its effect upon German plans for the invasion of England. Many people, I know, do not believe that Hitler intends, or ever intended, to invade Great Britain.

I do not share this view. Eight months of wartime experience in Germany have convinced me that when the Nazis boasted the would be in London by August 15th they fully expected to be.

Another winter of war is not a pleasing prospect for the German people. Memories of the last winter are still too fresh in their minds; memories of hunger and hardship, of privation, poverty and suffering; of shivering thousands from the poorer sections of the big cities crowding into railway stations in an effort to get warm.

If Germany hopes to win this war, she must conquer Britain, quickly and completely. But how she can attempt to do so; how she can even envisage an invasion, without mastery in the air, I do not see. Nor do I believe that Hitler does. And the Royal Air Force has proved conclusively that Germany, despite numerical super-

ed for her no help, but antagonised a powerful neighbour. The signing of this pact was of the greatest assistance to Britain as it galvanised the American armament industry into life. It provided the stimulus that was lacking and crystallised the world position of the great nations.

With regard to the future not many statesmen would look for any kind of support from Italy, the nation which sold Chinese aeronautical plans to Japan, seeing that her position in the Mediterranean is now precarious.

Japan has made it plain in her so-called treaty with Nanking that her policy is to eliminate Russian influence from China. She can hardly hope therefore to get free from the fear of Russia on her northern border. Germany has men and material but she is shut in and cannot hope to get control of the highways of the ocean.

A Japanese statesman who surveys the world situation at the moment must be extremely disturbed in mind. Local temporary success he may have here and there, but nemesis is not very far off.

ority, is far from enjoying mastery in the air.

They Found No Weak Spot

The object of the recent raids is fairly obvious. There appears to be no question but that they were designed to 'feel out the strength of the British defences; to find, if

Mr. Irvin, noted American writer and broadcaster, and for thirteen years a staff correspondent on the "New York Times," spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin as an observer.

possible, a weak spot, which could be made the focal point of attack. Had such a spot been detected, mass assaults, with thousands of planes participating, probably would have followed; and would have been accompanied by invasions from sea and air in the best "blitz" fashion known to German technique.

But with each passing, the likelihood of such an invasion becomes more and more improbable. By Autumn it may be too late; by Spring it may be impossible.

German aircraft production has not only reached its peak; it is under forced draught. All available workers are being employed.

True, Germany now has at her disposal the aircraft factories of France. But she hasn't the men to operate them, unless she uses French workers, and that can only be done at the risk of sabotage.

I don't know exactly how many planes the Germans have. Officials of the Propaganda Ministry assured me they had 30,000 at the beginning of the war. That, I think is an exaggeration. My guess would be around 20,000, including commercial craft and training planes. But even then, I doubt if

the number of first-line German warplanes exceeds 6,000.

Germany's Lost Machines And Men

From reliable German sources I know that about 600 German planes were destroyed in the Polish campaign. Losses in Norway probably did not exceed 200, and may have been considerably less. In Holland, Belgium and France—including the action at Dunkirk—the Germans may have lost another 1,500; and I believe their losses, in and around the British Isles since the start of the start of the war, are somewhere in the neighbourhood of 1,300.

So far as the planes are concerned, these losses, while considerable, are not necessarily serious. They may have been compensated by new construction. But the pilots are not so easily replaced as the planes. That is another matter.

Germany is none too well supplied with pilots—fighter pilots in particular. Young men are needed for this work; but young Nazis don't make the best pilots. They have been too regimented; their individuality has been stifled; they are not accustomed to thinking for themselves. And while they may perform brilliantly against undefended towns and helpless civilians, their ardour quickly cools when confronted by pilots of superior skill and courage.

Hence, as regards the future, the odds are all in Britain's favour. British aircraft production is rising steadily; and it has behind it the production of the United States, which also is making appreciable strides. Against these, Germany cannot hope to compete. It is only a question of time when even numerical superiority in the air must pass to the Allied side; numerical superiority in pilots, as well as planes, because Britain can continue to draw pilots from the Dominions in addition to those supplied by the United Kingdom.

The Immediate Position

But these are matters that concern the future, and we are living in the present. I have already said

that I believed the most important result of the recent raids was the effect upon invasion plans; and have pointed out that this is bound to influence the German morale.

I know that it is the German custom to minimise their own losses, while exaggerating the losses on the other side.

Years of experience as a newspaper correspondent have made me somewhat sceptical of official figures. When I was in Germany, we found that while the communiqués of the German High Command were fairly truthful, so far as the land forces were concerned, the German Navy and the German Air Force were given to gross exaggeration. The reason, we thought, was that the Air Force and the Navy did not have the same traditions behind them as the Army.

Since I have come to Britain, I have checked carefully on Royal Air Force figures, and I have reached the conclusion that when it errs, the R.A.F. generally errs on the other side.

British Conservatism

Not so long ago I met a British major, in charge of a control station, who showed me the figures he had tabulated for his group. One one particular day, when official figures on German losses gave only 144 for all the British Isles, the major's figures showed that his group alone had accounted for 168 German planes.

Of course it is possible that some of the pilots in this group may have been stretching things a bit. But then it's also possible that some of them may have been over-modest, like one R.A.F. pilot of whom I heard recently.

He took off alone from his field to attack five Nazi raiders, and when he returned, reported that he had brought down two.

"How do you know you brought them down?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, "I saw one drop completely out of control, and I saw another crash into the sea."

"And what of the three others?" his commanding officer wanted to know.

"Oh," replied the pilot. "I couldn't see them. They were all in little bits and pieces."

Japanese Nearsightedness



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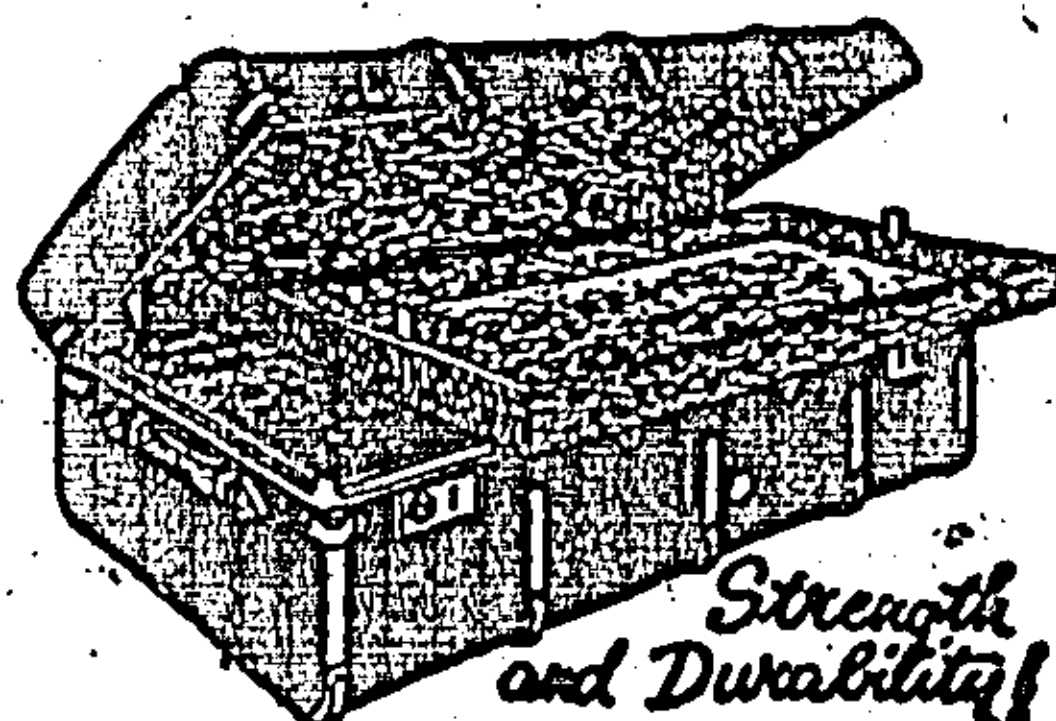
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CHINATOWN IN LONDON DURING RAIDS

CHINATOWN PACKS up these days and goes west in the evenings — at least, those who have no Anderson shelters in their small backyards, writes a London correspondent.

A few stalwarts still hang on in their little ramshackle houses of two filmy storeys and await the bombs with stoic Chinese philosophy. So many of their brothers, sisters or fathers had suffered bombing in Canton, Peiping or Chapei that they feel they would be unfaithful to their ancestors if they moved.

Two little streets that make Chinatown, Limehouse-causeway, and Pennyfields, are sad little streets to-day.

In a public-house in Pennyfields, where Edgar Wallace used to sit on a wooden bench and drink mild and bitter with bowler-hatted Cantonese, I found only three customers. It used to be crowded both afternoon and evening.

Opposite the public-house are just piles of bricks on the road. Twelve Chinese were buried in these ruins.

But the Three Tuns is still carrying on. Its stocky little manager has no air-raid shelter other than his own staffs. He is a stalwart Cockney, and he refuses to move so long as he has his Chinese customers.

He Carries On

He sat beneath the stairs in that little two-storey building while the night sky was just a red glow, and the East End was being heavily bombed.

Mr. Ho Ling, the proprietor of the restaurant next door, was having a drink when I went in. He has boarded up the windows of his restaurant, but he still carries on serving meals to the few that come.

"No plenty Chinese come now — too much air raids," he said.

He told me the majority of the women folk have been evacuated. The Chung Hwa Club, the next house along Pennyfields, no longer resounds to the laughter of children of an evening. It was started by the Chinese Ambassador a few years ago so that London-born Chinese children could learn something of the culture of ancient China, and something of their classic tongue, Mandarin.

They used to meet there Tuesdays and Thursdays and hear stories of ancient China. Chinese students from London University used to come and help.

Consul Does It

To-day the Chinese Consul comes down. But it is only to meet the older Chinese and see what can be done by richer Chinese for their poorer compatriots who have suffered in air raids.

Mr. Fong, the Chinese butcher at the corner of Pennyfields is closed. There was not enough trade going for him to keep open. And most of the Chinese laundries are also closed.

Mr. Ho Ling told me he never goes up West to shelter, because he has several clients who still rely upon him for dinner. His Anderson in the yard is well dug in, so well-dug in that it looks like a hutment on the Canton river. He invites several of his friends in, and they sit there talking of the "old days" until the all-clear sounds.

The "old days" to Chinatown were the days before the China war started — the days when their brothers or cousins would come in on a boat from the China coast, and bring them news of their families way out East. Bowler-hatted and dressed in lounge suits they would drink mild and bitter, and talk in the queer sing-song intonation of Cantonese.

Some Are Missing

There are fewer of them to-day, but they still come in, leaving the war in China to come to the war in London. Now and again some familiar faces are missing in the

ABBEY DAMAGED BY BOMBS

The Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey were among buildings damaged in recent raids on London, it can now be disclosed.

A high explosive bomb which landed on the forecourt between the public entrance and the peer's entrance blew in hundreds of leaded windows and peppered the Abbey with scars caused by flying fragments. Despite the damage the Sunday services were held as usual. The Rev. H. Martyn Sanders, Rector of All Hallows on the Wall, took the morning service, and the Dean of Westminster, the Rt. Rev. P. F. D. de Labilliere, officiated in the afternoon.

St. Margaret's Church, which is cradled by the Abbey, also suffered damage to the roof and fabric.

The great clock of Big Ben carries three wounds on its western face, caused by flying splinters, but "Big Ben time" still shows on all four sides. Like Parliament itself, it carries on.

The statue of Richard Coeur de Lion has had its famous sword bent, while the horse is propped up with scaffold poles. The near side rear fetlock is in splints, and the horse's tail has a hole in it. Cromwell, outside Westminster Hall, stands undamaged, gazing down Victoria-street with his perpetual frown.

House of Lords Damage

Scarcely one of the external windows of the House of Lords has been left intact. The public entrance to the Great Hall, where electors ask for their members, has been severely battered.

Across the way chips of solid history lie scattered over the sward which became the Field of Remembrance every Armistice Day.

Hundreds of sightseers came to view the damage. They found the bomb crater filled in, the paving blocks almost all replaced, and dozens of workmen busy repairing the damaged facade.

SOVIET TO TRAIN 1,000,000 BOYS

The Soviet is going to train each year 800,000 to 1,000,000 boys from the age of 14 to 17 in special craft schools and railway schools to solve the problem of the scarcity of skilled artisans. Under special decrees suitable boys from cities and villages will be mobilised at once for these new schools.

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Three Tuns. That means that their ship has been sunk en route. Previously when they were missing it meant that a bomb had got them in some Chinese port.

The Chinese Seamen's Lodging House was still open. A young Cantonese stood at the doorway. There was a warning on, and somewhere the guns were booming. He never moved. I stopped to talk with him for a minute. He told me he had come in on a boat from Singapore a few days ago. He was going up to see his brother, who was a cook in the West End, that night. I asked him how long he would be there. He looked at me through his sleepy eyes.

"I wait for boat for China coast."

BADMINTON CHAMPION LOSES FORM



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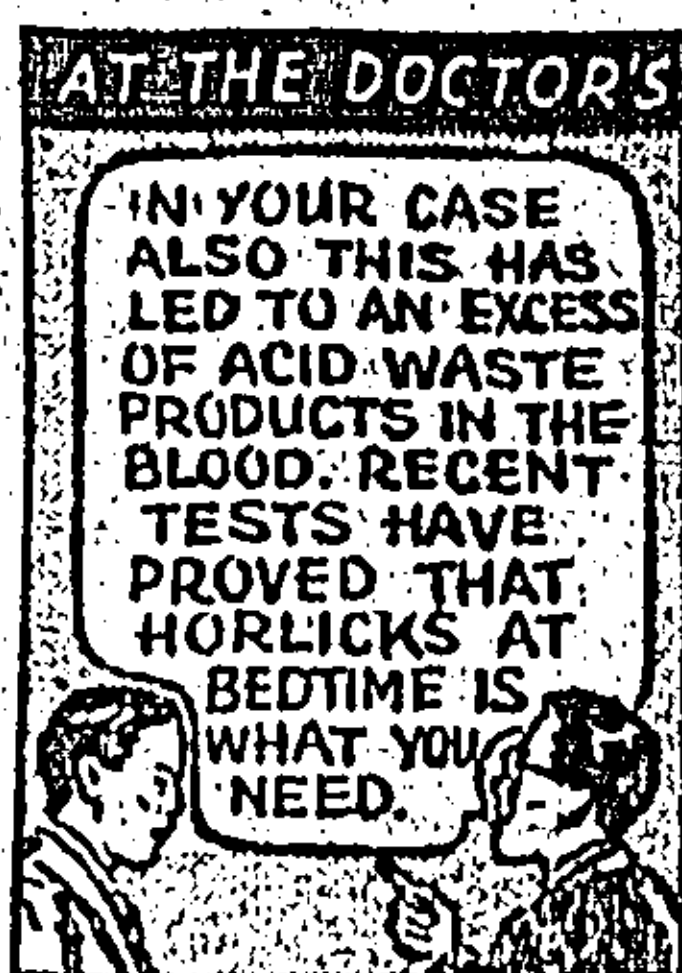
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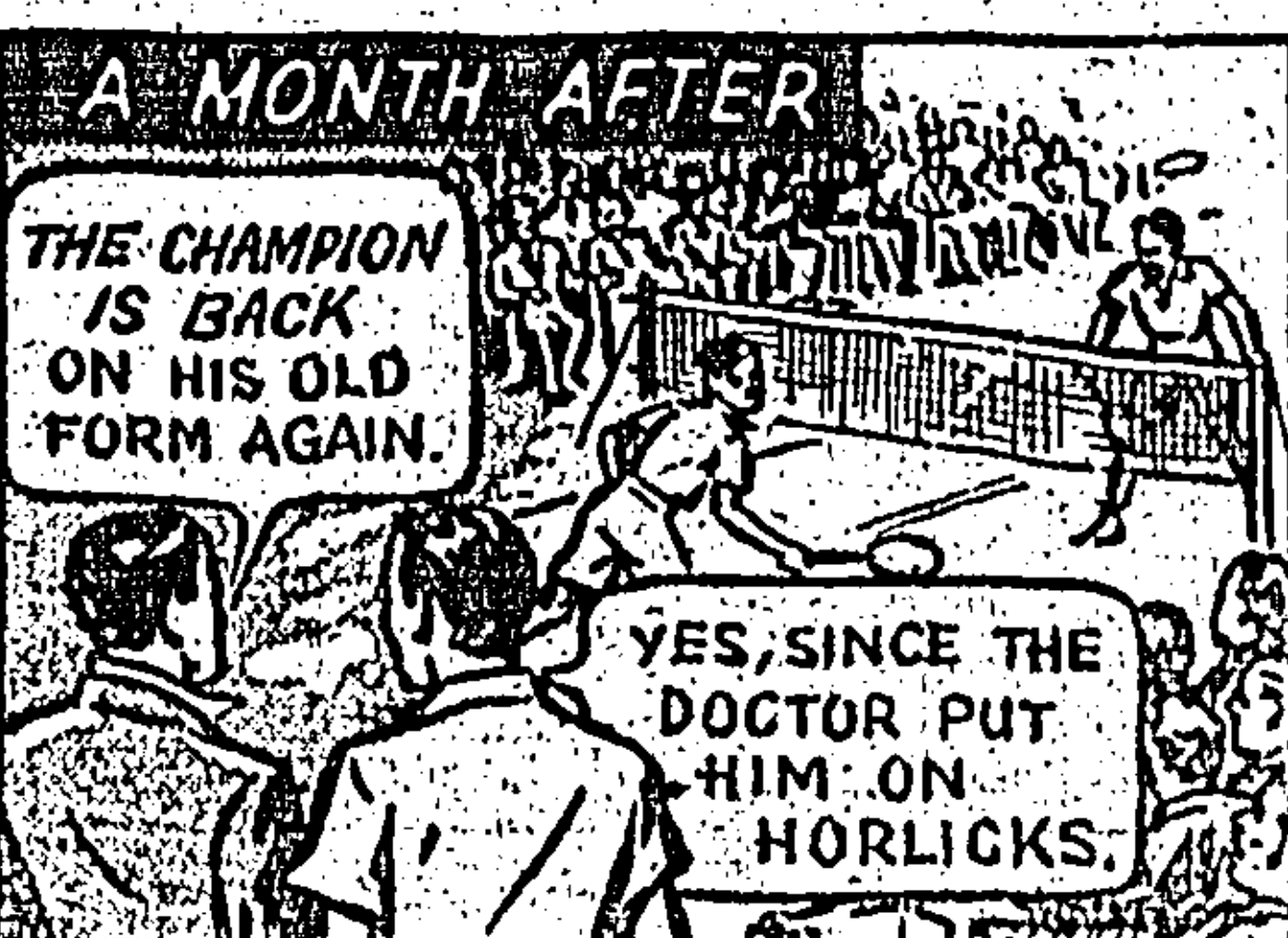
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St. Andrew's Day Celebration



The wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph last Saturday by members of 'St. Andrew's Society, headed by Messrs. B. Wyllie and J. F. McGregor.



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, attended the special St. Andrew's Day Service at the Union Church last Sunday.



The H.K.V.D.C. pipers at last Sunday's St. Andrew's Day service held in the Union Church.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mr. A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty), Admiral Sir Dudley Pound (First Sea Lord), General Sir Alan Brooke, (C. in C. Home Forces) and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff paid a recent visit to Southern and Eastern defences, recently. Photo shows in the foreground, General Sir Alan Brooke, General Sir John Dill and Major General Warder. (Copyright, Fox).

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SHORT STORY

It Is Easier For A Camel By URSULA BLOOM

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," read the parson a trifle pompously. He wasn't a rich man. He could gloat over the misfortunes of rich men, although covetously-minded towards their comforts.

In her pew, Gay watched him. She wasn't rich either, which was also comforting. Yesterday she had gone mad. Yesterday she had had a comfortable little nest egg in the bank, something which she had scraped and saved for, for her whole twenty-four years of life. All her luxuries scooped up and set inside a little brown bank book yielding two and a half per cent. "And," as she told herself, "a fat lot of good two and a half per cent is to anyone!"

So she had gone mad. She did not know what had happened, but the sunshine of a mad May morning had gone to her head. Or was it the poster outside Charing Cross station? A poster of a ruined Colonnade with a wistaria drooping about it, and a volcano in the distance. See Naples and die! In her case, See Naples and go bust! Gloriously bust.

It is a very short step from Charing Cross to Cockspur Street, and in the shipping offices there are suave young men with patent leather hair and unctuous manners. Before she had realised the truth of her intention, she had committed herself. Instead of the usual holiday to Babbacombe, to the Cornish Riviera in flush years, or the East Coast in less opulent seasons, she was going to the Mediterranean. She was going to

Naples, and then go bust!

She informed the family at lunch. They were the old-fashioned family who always had roast beef and Yorkshire, followed by fruit and custard or an apple charlotte. Mum and Dad had very nice minds, and they had started the post office savings account on the day that they had carried Gay to her christening. They believed in Babbacombe and the Cornish Riviera and the East coast. They thought all kinds of peculiar things happened abroad, never appreciating that Gay was aching for something to happen, just anything.

She broke it to them with the apple charlotte.

"But it is madness," said Father. "Your whole savings? What will you do for a trousseau?" asked Mother.

"I'm not engaged. Before I get the trousseau, I have got to get the man. Like this I might even get the man."

"Husband-hunting?" boomed father, bitterly hurt at the suggestion.

After that nobody had any appetite for the apple charlotte, and it was returned to the kitchen; whereupon the cook turned sulky and said she did not know what some people DID want.

In ten days Gay would be sailing for the Mediterranean. It would mean a chance. It would mean opportunity, and she could spend the few pounds that she had over from her savings on a trousseau. Lunch hours became wild searches in shops. Father and mother grew cold with apprehension, and then two days before she

started for the holiday, Mr. James sent for her to his office. He was large and opulent. He was undoubtedly the rich man. Not a bad sort, of course, always very kind to the girls, but pompous. He explained to Gay quite calmly what had happened, they were cutting down staff and they were making several changes.

Gay was one of the changes.

When that sort of thing happens, you realise in one fell swoop how wise are the parents who start you in life with a bank balance, and how utterly feckless are the children who throw the whole lot away on one glorious blind in the hopes that something will turn up.

She must have been quite dotty. "I'm sorry," said Mr. James, and he looked to be genuinely sorry about it. "I would not have had it for the world, but my hands are tied. I will do everything to get you another job, a good job. You may rely on me."

And all the time she wanted to cry. She wanted to confess that she had behaved crazily and that she did not know what to do next. She dare not tell them at home. Mother would button up her mouth and become reserved. Father would have no compunction in saying, "I told you so."

When she started from Victoria the next day in her new blue cruising outfit, with the little white cap stuck jauntily on golden curls and the white handbag to match with three flags in the form of a signal in the corner (what sort of a signal she had no ideal) she felt mouldy.

The train was labelled "Mediterranean Cruise", which should have been satisfying enough. It sped through the country towards the sea. All the while, she was thinking, "I'll have to meet somebody on this cruise, somebody or other, or I'll go mad." And it was a grim irony of fate that she was wishing herself anywhere in the world save where she was.

A young man sat opposite. He had grave grey eyes and kinky dark hair. He wore gay clothes and he laughed across at her. "Like the window open?" he asked.

"The window's all right," "I just thought . . ." and then, "My name is Keith Dorne, and we are going to be travelling companions. Or should I say, ship mates? I have not got the nautical lingo yet. It's going to be fun, isn't it, though you look like a sick headache."

She did not know why she told him. Mother had always said never speak to strangers, but somehow when you are starting on a cruise that sort of thing does not apply. Not to Gay, anyway.

"Gee, if that isn't a slice of darned hard luck," said he. "I've done much the same thing, only I've got a job, leastways a bit of a job. I'm an artist. I paint things for magazines, and had a lucky deal, hence Naples."

"See Naples, and die," said she. "Not at all. Generally you see it and come back to murky old London and dream about it for ever. I bet I'm going to enjoy this whatever happens."

She brightened considerably. He was a nice cheery person. Twenty-seven he said, had had lots of ups and downs, and very lucky breaks,

but he thought that the cruise to Naples was the most glamorous and glorious thing that had ever happened to him.

He helped her with the suit case up the gangway to the ship. A great white ship, with her stewards lined up along spruce decks, and an eager air of expectancy about her, and of apprehension. Crowds surged up the gangway. They chattered and complained, or chattered and laughed.

"I went to Madeira last year. All those toboggans and things, you can't sit down afterwards. Honestly, you can't. So awkward."

"I went to the Fjords last time. Wonderful, oh yes, quite wonderful, and I met a man who said."

"It was an awful cruise. The stewards were frightful and the officers lousy. I went to bed every night at nine. Not my idea of a successful cruise. Never again. I always say never again, and yet here I am."

And at the very top of the gangway was a large fatish man, with money written all over him. He wore spotless white flannels and a dark blue blazer, with binoculars dangling from a very new leather strap. He had a panama on his head and he was arguing with a steward about his cabin. He didn't like his cabin. He had paid top price for the best and if this was their best, he would like to see what their worst was. If you paid for comfort, comfort you expected to have. As Gay trooped on board with Keith at her side, she saw suddenly that the large rich man was Mr. James.

He recognised her at the same moment. "YOU?" said Mr. James. "Why, I thought that you were."

She knew the idea that flashed through his mind. He thought that she ought not to have spent the money and unfortunately he was quite right. She ought to have kept that little brown bank book and have slipped all her luxuries inside its horrid covers for every year of her life until she was too old to enjoy luxuries any more.

"Tell me what you are doing here?" said Mr. James, ignoring Keith.

Keith butted in. "Give me your ticket and I'll see the old hat box into the cabin," said he. "Meet you later," and off he went with it.

"Who is that person?" asked Mr. James.

Gay told Mr. James exactly what had happened. She had ventured on to the cruise before she had known that she was to have the sack. She had committed herself and there was no going back. When she got home she would be looking for a job, unless of course, but she hastily brushed over that idea. In three weeks at sea a great deal can happen, as everybody knows. She had met Keith in the train, and he was being very helpful, she felt lonely of course and a little strange, she had never been further than the Isle of Wight before, and the Isle of Wight is very much like everywhere else. Naples would be different, she imagined.

Mr. James patted her hand. He said, "I'll see after you. I will get you fixed up at my table, and I'll see that you enjoy yourself."

It was peculiar that all the way down in the train Gay had been saying to herself, "Oh, if only I knew somebody on board," and now when she did know somebody on board she felt that strangers were preferable. She had always liked Mr. James, but she was afraid of him.

"Oh, you mustn't feel that way," said he a little later. "We are outside the office now. Just friends. You will see that this is going to be fun." The stewards' band played "Auld lang syne!" There were rainbow streamers linking them to the quay, and then the ship passed slowly out to sea like a great white bird on the face of the water.

"Who is that sticky old chap you've picked up?" asked Keith that first night, when they stood against the taffrail talking, while the others danced on deck.

"He was my boss in the office."

"Rich?"

"Awfully, I should think."

"And got a push on you?" He said it with a proprietary note, for at sea the world moves swiftly.

"Oh no, he never noticed me much before, except to blow me up for my typing. I don't know why he is noticing me now."

"I do. Shall I tell you?"

"I'd rather you didn't."

The new mimosa gold chiffon

was becoming, and the jade sash about her hips was a vigorous contrast to it. She knew that she looked her best. She would try to put the return to England out of her mind, she would try only to remember that this was her holiday, the one wild holiday of her life and that nothing mattered beside it.

Next day was Sunday.

They had the same old text in the service held in the dining saloon. "It is easier for a camel." When you came to think about it, it was rather a foolish text, and Gay felt that she was sorry for Mr. James. Mr. James was obviously the rich man, who would find it a little awkward getting through the Heavenly turnstile. And he had such good qualities.

All through the Bay she played Quoits and Deck Tennis, and Bull-ball, and forgot that there was such a thing as being jobless. In Gibraltar Mr. James took her ashore. He knew Gibraltar. He helped her into a carozzi and they trotted up the Main street with a jangle of bells. They walked in the Alameda with the most heavenly scent of blossom, and the sound of a hurdy-gurdy grinding out a tango. They talked of everything save the office. And at one of the Indian shops, where swarthy-faced men peer out from behind Spanish shawls and Morocco leather, he bought her a bottle of perfume as a souvenir.

"Everybody buys perfume in Gibraltar," he said, and he choose a heady one in an enormous black bottle, and he beat the man down over the price.

Gay had never seen anybody beaten down before. She sat on a leather pouffe, and she drank ex-cruciatingly strong coffee and she watched with wonder at the way Mr. James said that he would not pay that amount and advanced sixpence by sixpence on his original offer, while the Indian came down shilling by shilling from the price which he had stated would leave him a ruined man. Then they got into another carozzi, and drove for the wharf. Everybody was hurrying back to the tender with huge bunches of flowers. Great fat roses, and lilies, freesias in long fragile sprays, stocks with their clove essence.

"How lovely they look," she said wistfully.

Mr. James patted her hand. "But they don't last! Any old hand at cruising would tell you that Mediterranean flowers are the worst investment. Gone before you sail."

As she struggled back on board with the black bottle of perfume, she saw Keith. He had an enormous bunch of red roses. "For your cabin," he said.

She filled the cabin with them, and by a grim irony they lasted for three whole days, whereas the black bottle poised on the dressing-table unfortunately became restive with the heaving of the ship, and rolled on to the floor and was smashed to atoms. Gay decided that it was a positively sickening scent when you had to live with it in abundance until you could have the port open again for calmer seas!

When she went up on deck after a nice long lie-down through a sea which was horribly inclined towards choppiness, she found that Mr. James was awaiting her.

"There is nothing like champagne for seasickness," said Mr. James, and he ordered her some. He had fixed a little table in a sheltered corner of the deck away from the crowd. He was kindly and fatherly. He said the sort of things that she had never expected a man like Mr. James could say, and she came to the conclusion that either she had fallen asleep and dreamt all this, or that she had been seasick and it was one of the unpleasant effects.

Or wasn't it unpleasant?

Mr. James had much to commend him. He was kind. He was generous. He was talking glowingly about the cruelty of the firm that had sacked her, and how much he wanted to help her, though in exactly what way he did not say. He had always noticed what a charming girl she was. He had always thought that she had a way with her.

And a great many more other things.

"It's sea fever," she told herself. "It would have been any girl he had met. Just sea fever."

The champagne had a very brightening effect on her outlook. When she left Mr. James she felt almost herself, and half way down the companion she met Keith. He

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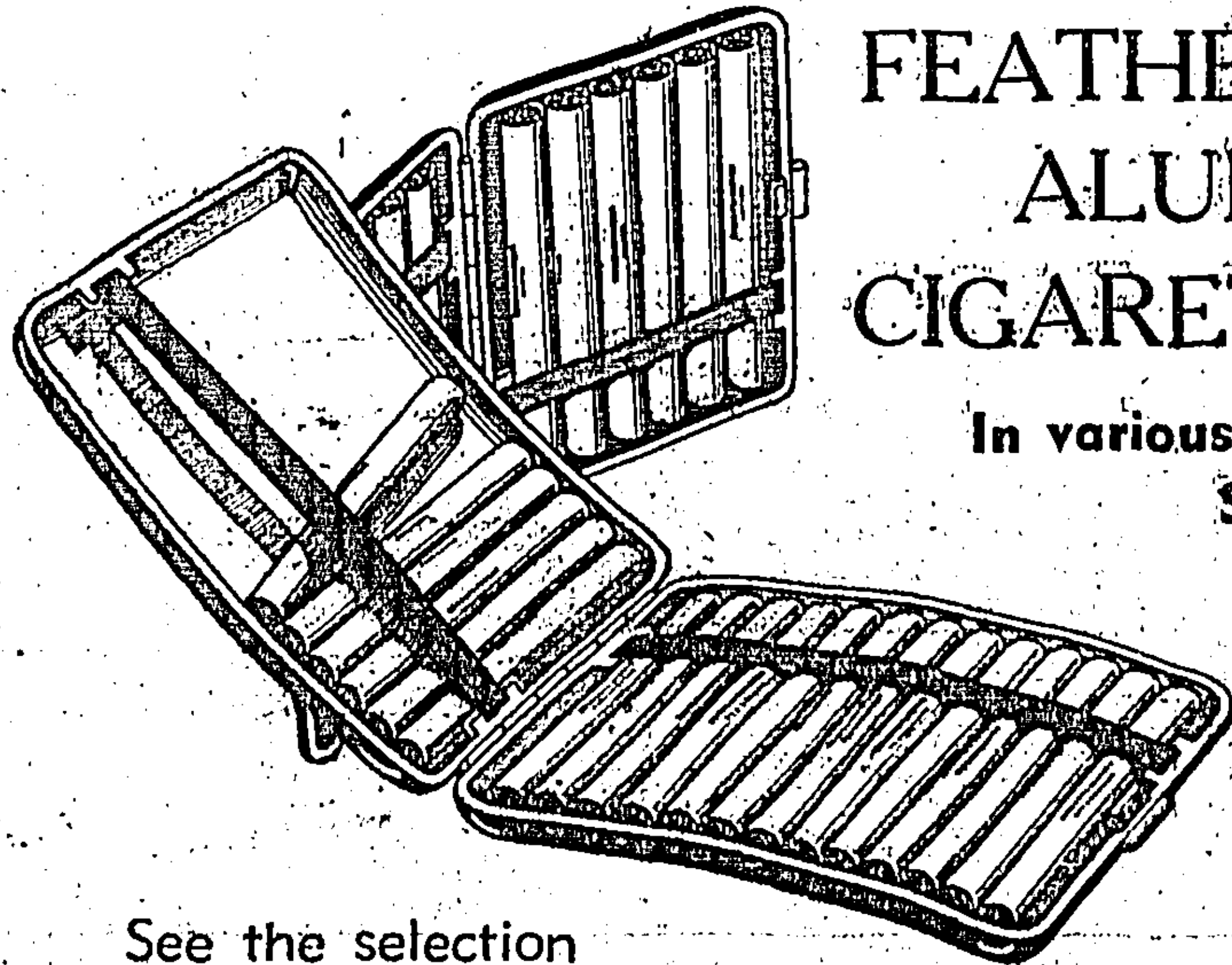
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Without waiting even to fling off their helmets and parachute harness, the pilots make their combat reports to the Intelligence Officers, then retire into their duty huts.

All except two, whose slight wounds are receiving treatment by the Medical Officer, and three others for whom this was their fourth fight that day, are ordered to stand by for an hour.

I was waiting at the hut when red section came in, hot and dishevelled but unscathed . . . a flying officer, a pilot officer, a sergeant pilot. I'd already learned they are a crack trio.

Record Of Prowess

The flying officer, Dominion-born and a former Auxiliary Air Force man, is in his mid-twenties, and the high spot in his record is a score of five bombers and a fighter in two days.

The pilot officer, from Surrey, began as a Volunteer Reserve sergeant, still looks a little more than an overgrown schoolboy at 22, but is old enough to have accounted for eleven of the enemy in not many more than that number of fighting days.

Once he downed two when he was one of a flight of six opposed by forty Germans.

The sergeant pilot, nearing thirty and formerly a Midlands engineer, with a wife to share his glories, put paid in one week to twelve Nazis who got in his way.

These Three Musketeers of the Air, with a combined fire-power at the rate of 28,800 rounds a minute from their Hurricanes, share and share alike in their hut—the most democratic institution of its kind in the Services, where officers and N.C.O.'s meet on equal terms while on duty.

They are glad to strip off their helmets and harness, though their warm flying kit, "Mae West" life-saving jackets and fur-lined boots

must stay on.

The flying officer sinks down in an easy chair, within arm's reach of a telephone. The sergeant pilot follows suit. The pilot officer sprawls himself out on the "biscuits" of an iron chair-bed.

The ping-pong, the darts, the chess and draughts, the wireless, the crosswords, the books and magazines—all inevitable features of this hut life—can wait till later on. After three fights in a day, the last extending over an hour, even supermen need a breather and a refresher.

A waiter, without being told, brings in a steaming pot of tea, bread and butter, fried ham and eggs. Iced minerals are there, too, if they prefer them.

No alcohol, of course, passes the door of a duty hut; neither, in the pilots' own interest, do they desire it. At any moment that telephone may go again, or that loud speaker within earshot may speak once more, giving the order for the fourth time since breakfast, "Red section take off! Enemy aircraft approaching from

The squadron leader, who has just heard from Intelligence at the Ops. Room the full news of the last fight, looks in on the tea party.

Story Of The Battle

"Grand work, boys! Your four are confirmed. Yellow got a couple of Junkers. Blue two more. Green three 110's . . ."

Dirty fighters, they machine-gunned young Robbie as he parachuted down. Good boy. We'll get 'em for that. Johnnie and Charlie got in the way of the 110 cannon stuff before they could close in, but made perfect landings. Johnnie near the old church on the hill. Charlie on the mead. Marvel how he missed those cows.

"Eleven losses to one. Keep it up. All of you O.K. for another half hour?"

"O.K., sir" they chorused. "We'll give 'em one for Robbie."

"Cheerio. Must drop in on Green," added the squadron leader. "Think the youngster there needs a break, but won't say so. Andy, I mean. The M.O.'s asked me what I think. Notice anything strange about the boy?"

"Gone suddenly off his thrillers," replied the flying officer.

knowingly. "Now keen on long walks—when there's time!"

"Yes, I thought so," the squadron leader mused to himself as he departed, wondering what excuse he could find for giving Andy a fortnight's leave.

"Got in a hot spot the other afternoon. Dropped a bit behind. Ten Jerrys had him to themselves. Engine shot out of action. Parachute drop from low height. Nasty landing. Touch of 'nerve.' Won't ever admit it."

The leader, father of his squadron, and the Medical Officer watch over their boys with psychologist's eyes. They have to. The team spirit makes pilots reluctant to take a well-earned rest.

But their leader and the M.O. know what to look for. Close

By
JOHN CASHEL

study has shown that the boy who goes from thrillers to long walks needs a break. It is a sure sign, this sudden change from arm-chair relaxation to physical activity, from one habit to its opposite.

The same firmness is often necessary with wounded men who insist on going up again before their injury has even been dressed, and with night fighters who want to be included in next morning's dawn patrol.

Red section's tough crack trio in the duty hut, and dozens more like them at this station have been on the job for twenty-four hours a day seven days a week for weeks past, and some days they have spent far more time in the air than in stand-by and off-duty periods.

Red's flying-officer on one occasion fought five fights in twenty-four hours, the last time taking over the controls of a new machine at a moment's notice, because his own had been damaged.

He made light of my comment that surely every machine has its tricks and needs getting used to. "One Hurricane," he replied, "is as good as another."

The clock on a deal table ticks away. Five minutes more and another section takes over.

A roar of engines comes from

outside and a hurricane wind blows through the doorway, sweeping a crossword puzzle off the knee of the sergeant pilot, as groundsmen give the waiting planes a periodical warm up to keep them at the ready!

The dozing pilot officer sharply blinks an eyelid and glances at the telephone.

"Nothing doing," says the flying officer.

"I suppose," I jokingly questioned, "you're looking forward to a fourth fight to-day?"

"Maybe" he replied. "It's

grand to be letting fly upstairs and see them toppling down. Seven times Jerry's tried to unload his bombs on this outfit and seven times we've stopped him from getting too near. The eighth he may be lucky and then he'll do less damage if we're shooters up there rather than sitters down here. We're giving him no such easy chances."

Ting, ting, ting. The flying officer grabs the telephone at his side.

"Red section take off. Enemy approaching in force twenty miles south-east, 30,000 feet. . . ."

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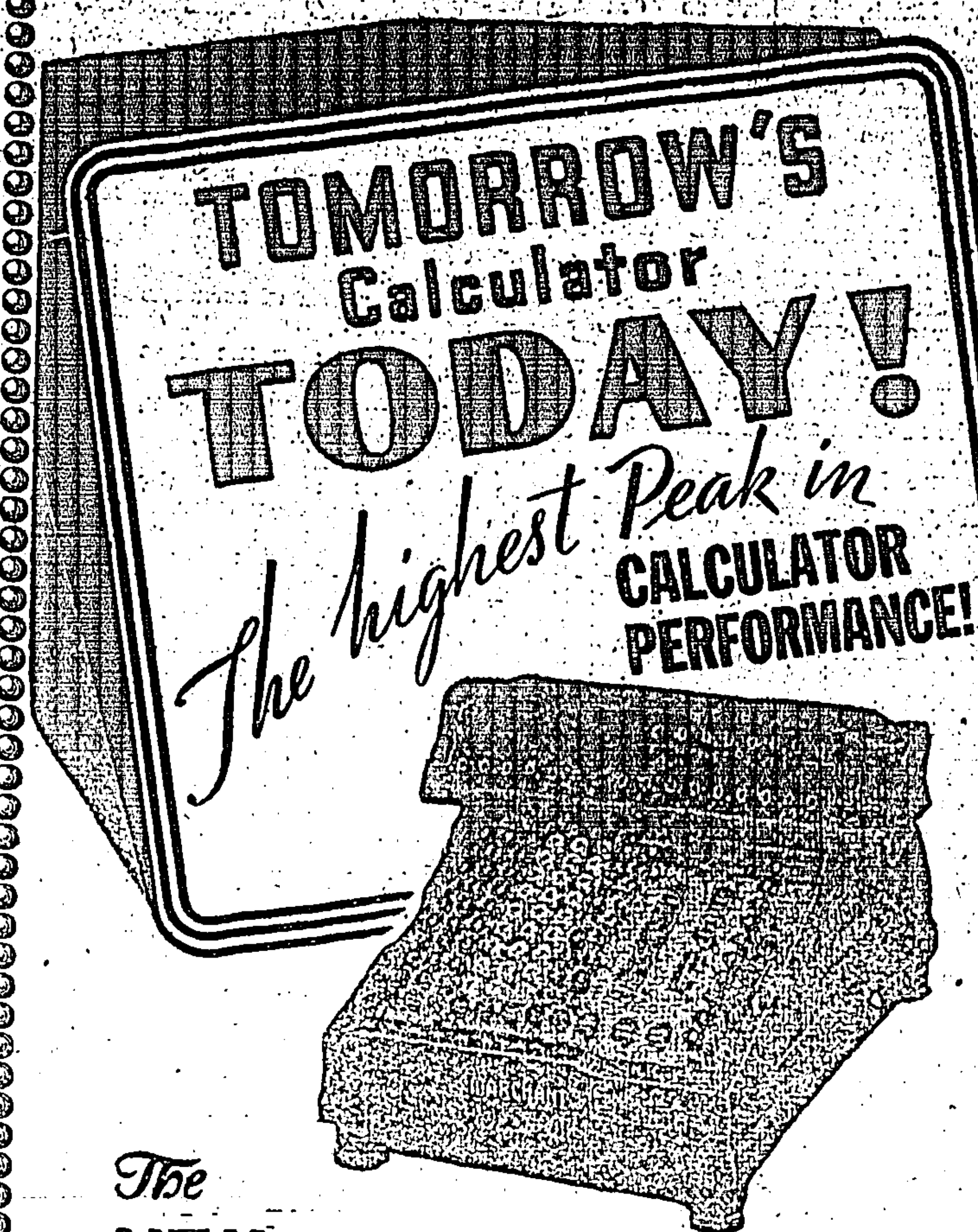
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It Is Easier For A Camel

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said, "I saw you flirting with that nasty old man."

"Oh, Keith, he isn't so old really."

"Trying to get off with you?"

"No no, of course not."

Keith wagged a shocked finger at her. "Remember what the parson said on Sunday. It is easier for a camel."

"What are you talking about? This is nothing to do with camels?"

"Isn't it just? Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to marry the girl of his dreams."

She said, "What nonsense you talk!" and ignored him but she thought about it a good deal afterwards.

Because Mr. James was very pushful. Mr. James was most considerate. At Villefranches he asked her to call him Archibald. Secretly she had always thought that Archibald was a shocking name, and she could not think how he could like it, but he confessed that he had had a passion for it. At tea again, Keith asked her to marry him.

"I have so little to offer that of course it is pure cheek. But if you could share it..."

She saw Corsica on the horizon, she saw the world beyond and knew that there were hundreds of places that she wanted to see. This cruise had been a mistake in that it had whetted her whistle for travel. If she settled down now to poverty for always, nothing like this would ever happen again. It was a magical night, a night of stars and sapphire sea, and phosphorescence.

"I know you love me," said Keith cheerfully, and he kissed her tenderly.

"You mustn't," she said. But all the while she knew that she wanted him to do it again. He did it again. He kissed her until her mouth ached, and until she knew that she wanted to slip into his arms for ever. Only she couldn't.

It would be such madness to say goodbye to all the froth and fun, to finish with all this sort of thing.

Because there was Mr. James.

In her cabin that night she tried to face facts. It would be mad to marry Mr. James, and yet mad not to. He could give her so much, he could make her so happy. If!

From a deck high above her there came the sound of someone singing cheerfully.

"But you can't stop me from dreaming."

If she did marry Mr. James, she would dream about Keith.

The ship was alongside the mole at Naples two days later. It was fiercely hot with the blinding heat of southern Italy, and opposite Vesuvius looked gloomy enough. On the quay dark-faced little men offered to guide you anywhere you wanted to go and to several places that you didn't want to visit, or to sell you innumerable rather extraordinary articles. Char-a-bancs were lined up to take the passengers to Pompeii and to the Crater.

"Now you're coming with me," said Keith.

"I'm sorry, but I promised Archibald."

"It's got to Archibald now? I might have guessed it."

She looked at him and she laughed. "I know that is a frightful name, I know that he is a funny person, but he really means awfully well."

"So do I."

Mr. James came and button-holed her. He had commandeered a private car. Yet somehow, as they drove off at the sort of speed nobody ought ever to drive anywhere, least of all in Naples, Gay knew that she looked yearningly after the char-a-banc with Keith in it. He was sitting with that

over-blond young woman in the Tyrolean frock with the pert little hat. It was a comfort to think that she would possibly get sunstroke for her vanity!

Mr. James had determined to do this trip thoroughly, and to get into it everything that could be got. Before they had arrived at Pompeii, Gay was realising how tired she was. Once inside the ruined city there seemed to be so much more of it than she had expected, and so much further to walk. She dropped a little. Mr. James was so pre-occupied with everything that he was seeing that he did not notice, and when they came to the quiet corner with the ruined house and the garden before it, and even the dog's drinking trough, Gay felt the world spinning and dropped down into a quiet faint.

When she came to, she had been carried into the little hotel. "I'll never forgive myself," said Mr. James, "I ought to have seen after you better."

"I'm all right," she said weakly.

He had ordered champagne for her, and lunch to be brought in the little private room which looked out across the field, where anemones splashed in a brave show. He was tender and solicitous. There is something very gratifying about money when you are feeling seedy, something very kindly. When Mr. James ultimately put out a hand and whispered the sort of things that he said he had never whispered to any young woman before, she knew that she wasn't refusing him with the gusto she had contemplated.

He said humbly, "I know I'm a good deal older than you are. I know I'm funny in some ways, but I do care for you, Gay, and if you

would think of it, you would make me outrageously happy."

Odd that she should think of Keith and his girl in the Tyrolean dress.

She said, "I don't know my own mind."

"I don't want to hurry you for a moment. I want you to choose for yourself, quite for yourself. I don't want to influence you at all, but I could make you happy. I know. I have the things to make you happy. Nothing should be denied you."

Gay knew that she was being weak. She thought of the solution to so many problems. All her life she had had to skimp. A taxicab was a wild extravagance. An extra frock never happened. Her people were frugally-minded, (they had had to be)—you cannot make money easily these days. She had had her dreams, of course, dreams of travel in this way, dreams of innumerable frocks, and innumerable happinesses.

"We'd go to Japan," said Mr. James. Cherry blossom and wistaria. "And you ought to see Venice." Moonlight on the lagoon. If he said much more she would be saying "yes" straight away.

There drove back to the quay very slowly. They did not do the Crater. In Naples Mr. James went into an expensive shop and bought Gay a string of jade. It was very lovely. It scintillated with the glory of all lovely things, and it shone against her white frock. A maestro in a little restaurant played them a love song, and across the way she saw a little tabac in which a languorous-eyed Neapolitan girl flirted audaciously with a boy of her own age.

That hurt!

Because, Gay told herself when she sank back in her own cabin. "I shall marry Mr. James. I know I shall."

"Well," said Keith that night against the taffrail. "What did you do with the old buffer?"

"He isn't an old buffer. I saw things. Glorious things, lots of them, and I fainted in Pompeii."

"That's the care he takes of you. I trailed round and round. It's a very rude city, I think. You should have come with us," and then, "that's a lovely piece of jade!"

"He gave it to me."

Keith whistled. "I see. Well, don't forget the camel."

"The camel?"

"The rich man suffers difficulties at the turnstile, but the camel takes a flying leap and what-ho! Over he goes."

Which was of course just a piece of nonsense! She wished that his nonsense did not amuse her so much. She wished that he were not so entertaining. It was youth. She liked his bright eyes. She wondered if it would be quite crazy to tie herself down to poverty, to all those petty little economies, to all the eternal efforts, and she brushed the idea aside. To-morrow night, carnival night, she would accept Archibald James. It was obviously the wise thing to do.

And all the morning she tried to make crepe paper into a frock. "You can't do it," said Keith, peeping in, "all that is going to happen is that you will sit through it. Crepe paper frocks are dangerous."

"I haven't anything else."

He said, "I'm going with a party. Quite a brain wave. You can come too. All you need is a white frock and a topee."

He said, "You'll see," and then because he was the daring kind, he stooped suddenly and kissed her. "There," he said, "that's for luck."

They dined in their ordinary clothes. Some of the fancy dresses had already appeared. Mr. James in a Turkish frock which he had bought in Constantinople last year and had over-paid for by quite half. The girl in the Tyrolean costume had come out as a midshipman. It delighted Gay to see that three others had had the same idea. "That'll teach her," she thought.

"But where is your dress?" asked Mr. James.

"I'm one of a group, I am changing after."

He said, "If you had told me I would have bought you the most expensive frock in Naples. Money no object where you are concerned," and he smiled.

"It would have been nice of you, but I'll be all right." She wondered if money mattered really quite so much. You can get an awful lot out of having to make do. You can have great fun in other ways.

She met the rest of her group on the aft deck. She came running along the alley way and turned the corner sharply, coming to a dead stop. A young man in an Arabic dress stood salam-

ing. A crazy camel composed of sackings, and girded round his humpy middle with rope, lurched crookedly towards her, from inside him a voice boomed. "It is easier for a camel."

She began to laugh. She went to the taffrail and hid her face in her hands, laughing until the tears ran down her cheeks. She had never known that anything could look so funny. "Now then," boomed Keith again, "You've got to ride the camel, and it is time we joined the procession."

The Arab helped her up.

A few moments later, when a long train of early Victorian ladies armoured knights, admirals and generals interspersed with Girl Guides, torchbearers, and Dutch boys had trailed through the lounge, the camel entered at a brisk trot. Parump-parump-parump, trotted the camel.

Mr. James was helping with the judging.

Mr. James was sitting fiddling with his pencil and making rather idiotic notes on a piece of paper. The four judges were not unanimous. They had their interests torn between a girl in a Norwegian dress and another who had come in as a dressing-table and had had to get through the door sideways. Then they saw the camel.

"Oh, look, it's rather good," gasped the mayoress of Slapdash, who was assisting with the judging.

The camel gavo-ted along, with Gay screaming with laughter as she joggled from side to side. Never had a camel had a more humpy back!

The camel approached the judicial seat and salaamed to one knee, almost collapsing in the effort. His rope tail quivered. Then, from inside him a strange voice spoke.

"It is easier for a camel," said the strange voice, and Mr. James turned rather pink.

"Idiotic," said Mr. James, "and quite home-made. Definitely home-made."

"I think it's rather good," persisted the mayoress and she jotted marks down on the paper before her.

The camel ambled off again.

Outside the lounge Gay dismounted, and Keith emerged from the front legs. "You see," he said, and he took her arm, "look here we have got to talk."

He piloted her to the empty verandah, with the sound of water against the ship's side, and the lace-work of masts and rigging against the blue sky. They were heading for Taormina and the roses.

He said, "You'll never be happy with that old Johnny, and you know it. You want youth, and life, and freedom. You want fun."

She knew that, of course. Money is not much good if you are aged by it. A holiday snatched out of the savings and spent in Blackpool can be sweeter than one spent with the man who is not your man of dreams, on the lagoon at Venice, or in the cherry blossom orchards of Japan.

"There is something in what you say," she said.

"Maybe I have taken a mean advantage. Maybe I have let my camel ride rough-shod over the old buffer, but I'm not going to let you make an ass of yourself like that."

He took her into his arms, and he was possessive. She did not care if she had to work for the rest of her life, and something told her that she wouldn't have to work, she did not care what happened, but she knew that she was in love.

"How can I tell him?" she asked, "he was terribly kind when I fainted in Pompeii. He is so sure that I shall marry him."

"He is a rich man. He can find somebody else."

"Keith, I feel very cruel."

"Nonsense. You feel very happy."

He had her in his arms, they did not know how long it was nor what happened. Then suddenly they heard somebody calling their names. They had to go up for their prizes, and the camel was wanted.

"I'm very sorry," Gay told Mr. James, and she told him later on when she had her hand in Keith's. "I don't understand it," said he coldly, "you encouraged me" and his eye went to the jade chain at her throat.

Gay said, "Don't you see I didn't know my own mind. Honestly I didn't but know it now. I'm going back and I daresay it will be an uphill fight, but we'll win through. Somehow, I know that we shall win through."

A long time after Gay said "Poor old thing," and her eyes were misty.

"Poor old thing, my foot!" said Keith, "he found for once in his life that money wasn't the open sesame to the world. The camel plipped him at the post."

He kissed her again.

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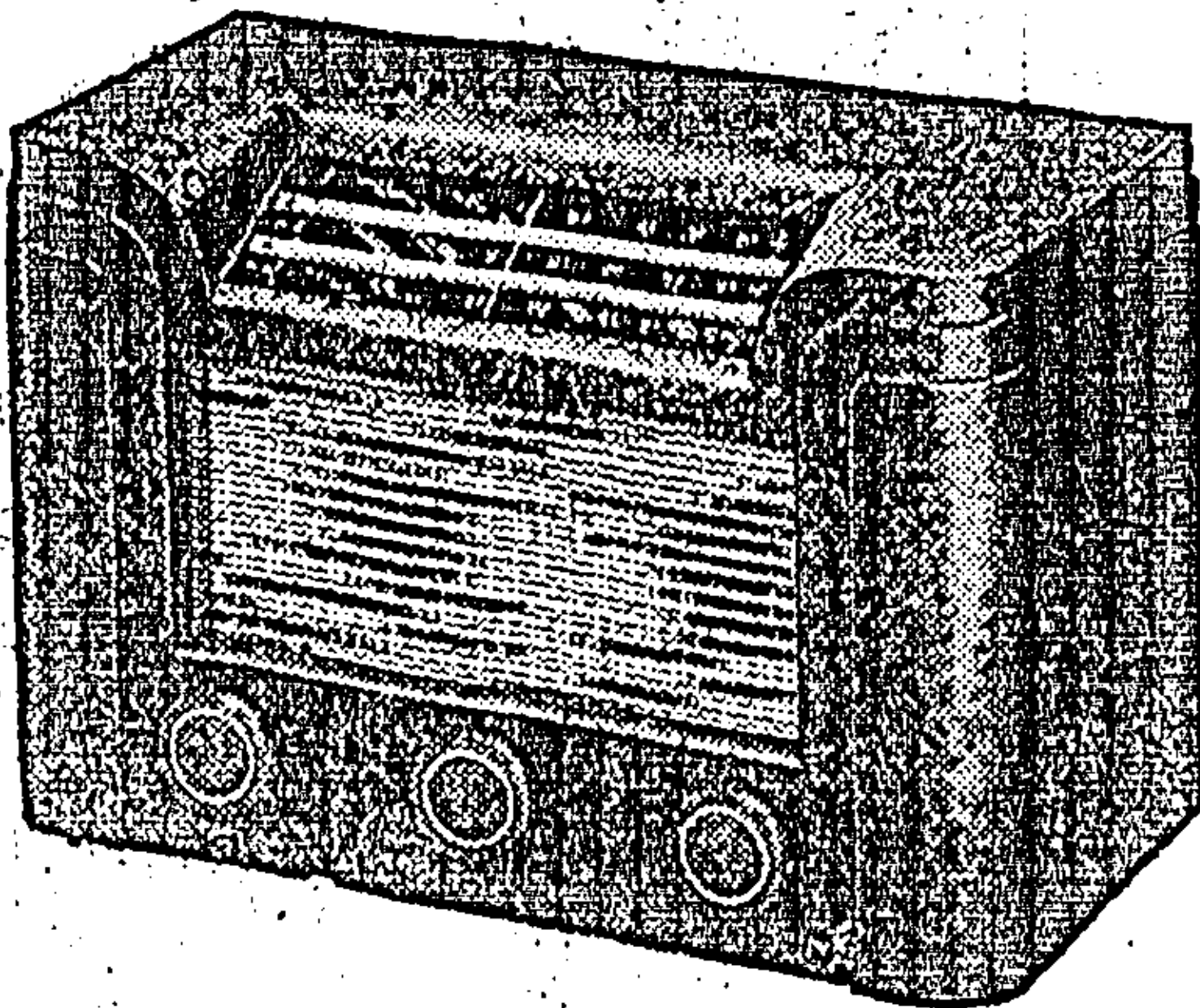
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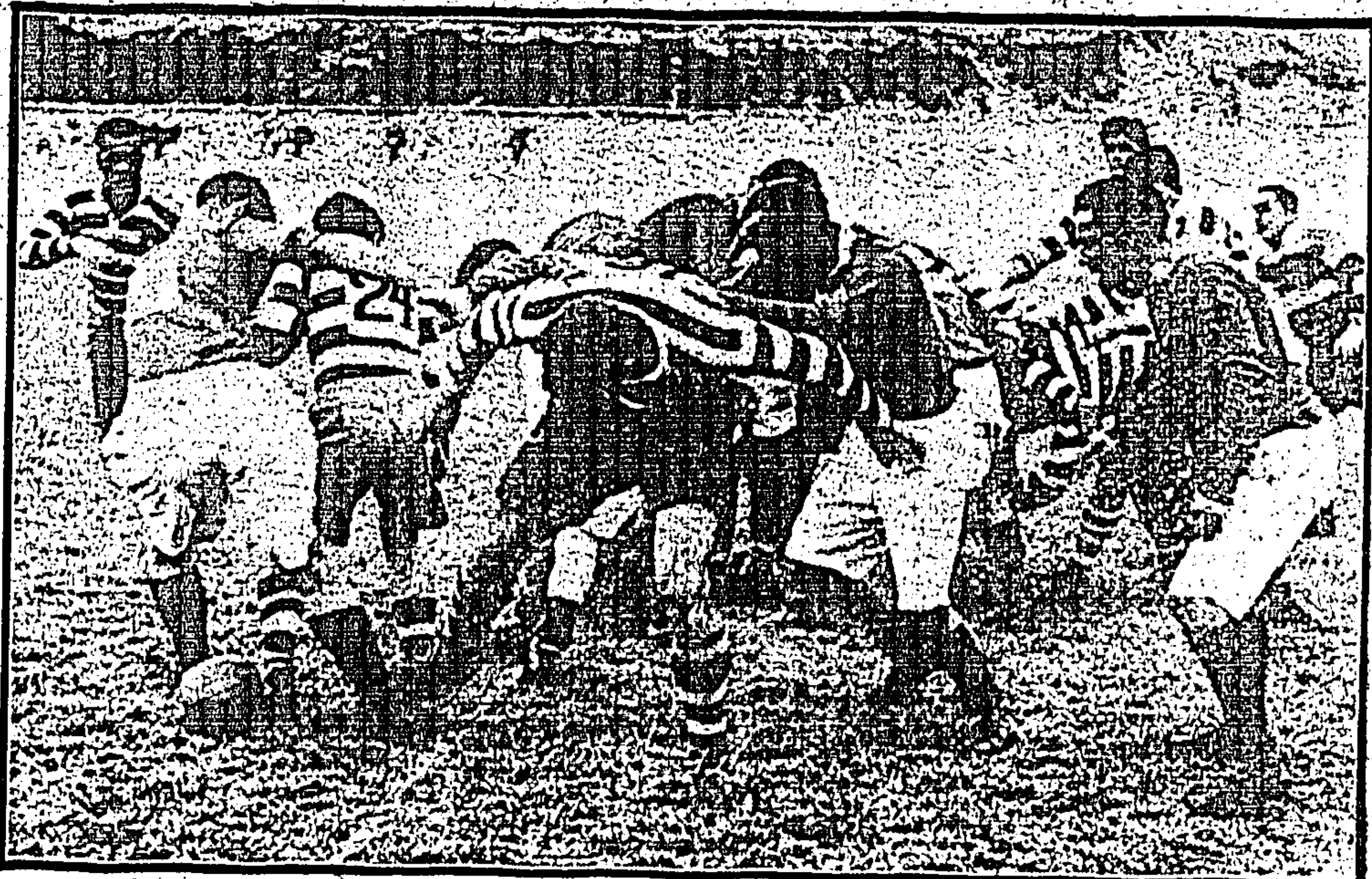
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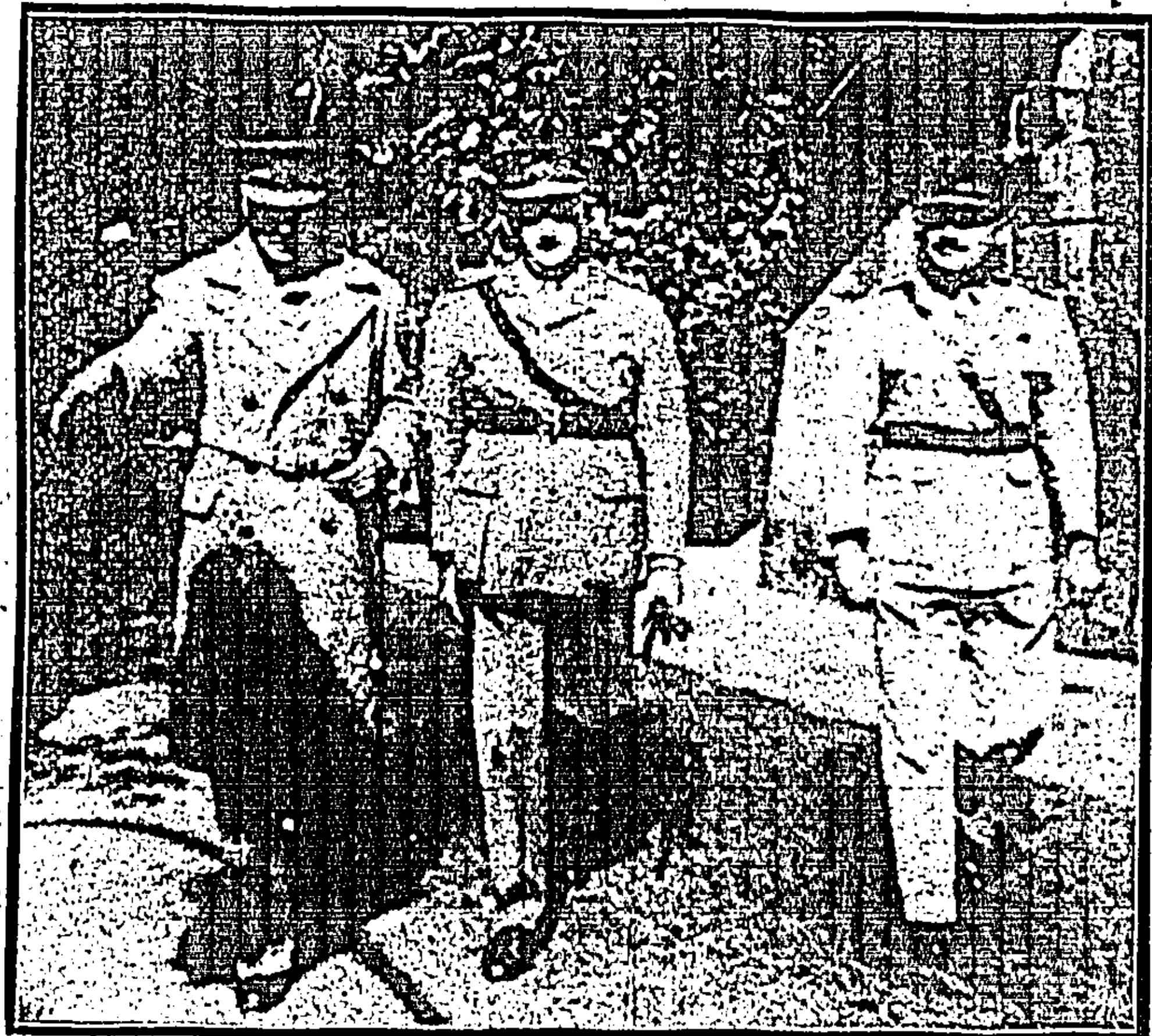
A study in expressions during Sunday's Recrelo v C.B.A. hockey match in King's Park.



A tense moment during last Saturday's quadrangular tournament between the Army and Club Fifteens. (Kahn).



(Above) — Forwards get their feet to it when the pack breaks up during last Saturday's Army v Club quadrangular tournament. (Kahn).



Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, Hon. Lieut.-Col. L. Dowbiggin and Capt'n Thursby arriving at the Union Church on Sunday for the special St. Andrew's Day service.

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(Right)—Taken during last Sunday's hockey match between Recrelo and C.B.A. at King's Park.



Spectators and players at the hockey match in King's Park last Sunday between C.B.A. and Recrelo.



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WRITTEN ON September 24, while the heavy raids on London were still going on a letter received in Shanghai describes some of the conditions in the city, which stood up so magnificently to the indiscriminate bombing of the German planes. The writer says that although a great deal of damage was done to private property, military objectives escaped almost unscathed, indicating the ruthlessness with which bombs were dropped without thought of a specific target. The terrific barrage put up round London during the raids was successful in destroying or keeping away many raiders, the writer describing the recent mass raid when 185 German planes were brought down in a single day. The letter follows:—

"The long threatened air attack has duly commenced since I last wrote, and is in fact now a daily and nightly affair. London is at present the chief target of the Nazi's ruthless bombing, but whilst a lot of damage has been done to property, the military damage is practically nil. . . . sheer terror bombing by these lousy Germans.

"I have seen some of the damage done both from the railway and also when I have travelled up to the City by car, and believe me these poor devils in the East End of London and elsewhere are suffering great hardships. The filthy Germans are using land mines which they drop by parachutes, and you can imagine what widespread havoc these things cause when they explode. I have seen many houses completely demolished by this type of secret weapon.

East End Cheerful

"Still, I have spoken to a few East-enders and they are very cheerful, and even more determined than ever to see Hitler banished and his regime wiped out for good. With all the bombs floating around you can imagine travelling by train to London is not a pleasant occupation. In fact sometimes I got by car when the railway is either hit or there is a delayed action bomb on the line. N. took me up by car last week and remained in the office (mostly in the air raid shelter). We have also given lifts to innumerable people stranded at various points. I am rather lucky as regards getting to London, as quite a few of our friends have cars and we take it in turns to drive up. This works well as petrol is so severely rationed.

"By day our boys are doing very well in keeping the Jerries off, and last Sunday week they brought down 185 German aircraft. Part of that battle took place over our house and I witnessed quite a few bombers crashing to earth with their crews strung across the sky coming down by parachutes. Not too pleasant whilst it lasted as the bombers dump their loads if they are being chased by our boys. Anyway none fell in the immediate vicinity, thank goodness.

Terrific Barrage

"Night bombing is the thing we are up against. Although London puts up a terrific barrage of A.A. fire (we can see and hear it from here) the Jerries seem to be able to penetrate it and do their work. I hope they will find something very soon to stop it. By accounts I have heard I think the time is not far distant when this will be achieved. "The newspaper cutting signed 'Pantile Percy' from the Correspondence Column of your 'North-China' was highly amusing, we thought as at that time no bombs had fallen on Tunbridge Wells. We can only attribute it to a broadcast by 'Lord Haw Haw' who stated Tunbridge Wells 'aircraft' has been severely bombed. There is, of course, no airport port here.

"Since then, however, a single German raider coming out of the clouds made a ruthless attack on the town dropping a stick of bombs doing some damage and causing some casualties. Some bombs have fallen near us and have shaken the house, but I hope we shall get them no nearer. We have turned the dining

room into a bedroom for the children, and if things get very lively we put them under the stairs.

Invasion Talk

"The much-threatened invasion is all the talk at the moment. All I will say is let them try and I am sure they will have the shock of their lives. It has been rumoured that they have already attempted it on a small scale, but I have my doubts on that point. In any case the year is getting on and you know what the English climate is, and at the present moment it is fully living up to its reputation, i.e., gales, rain, etc. It has been a surprisingly dry summer and lovely for sea bathing, but no such luck for us with most of the coastal areas barred.

"It is now well over ten weeks since I had my medical for the army but I have not been called up yet. N. is still being kept busy with her W.V.S. driving which she enjoys. She seems to get about all over the place, inspecting bomb damage with surveyors, and other jobs as well. At the present time we get about two to three warnings a day here, and the usual one at night from about 9.15 p.m. to 6 a.m. In London we have the warnings, as it were, every five minutes, but we all go on working until aircraft are seen by the 'spotters' on the roof.

CAROL'S FORTUNE

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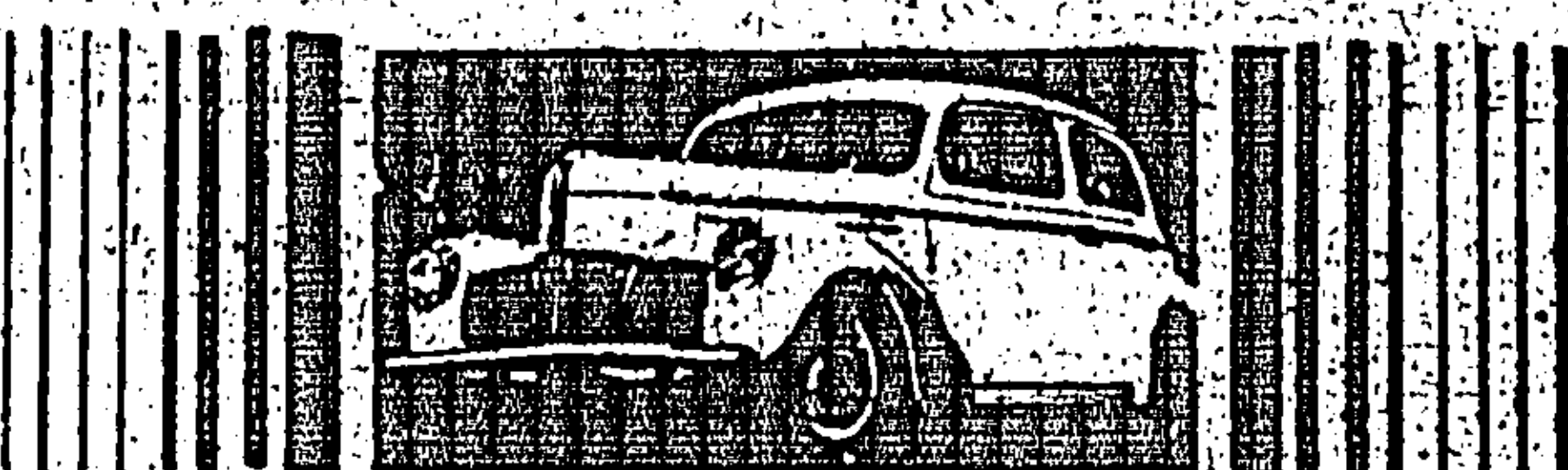
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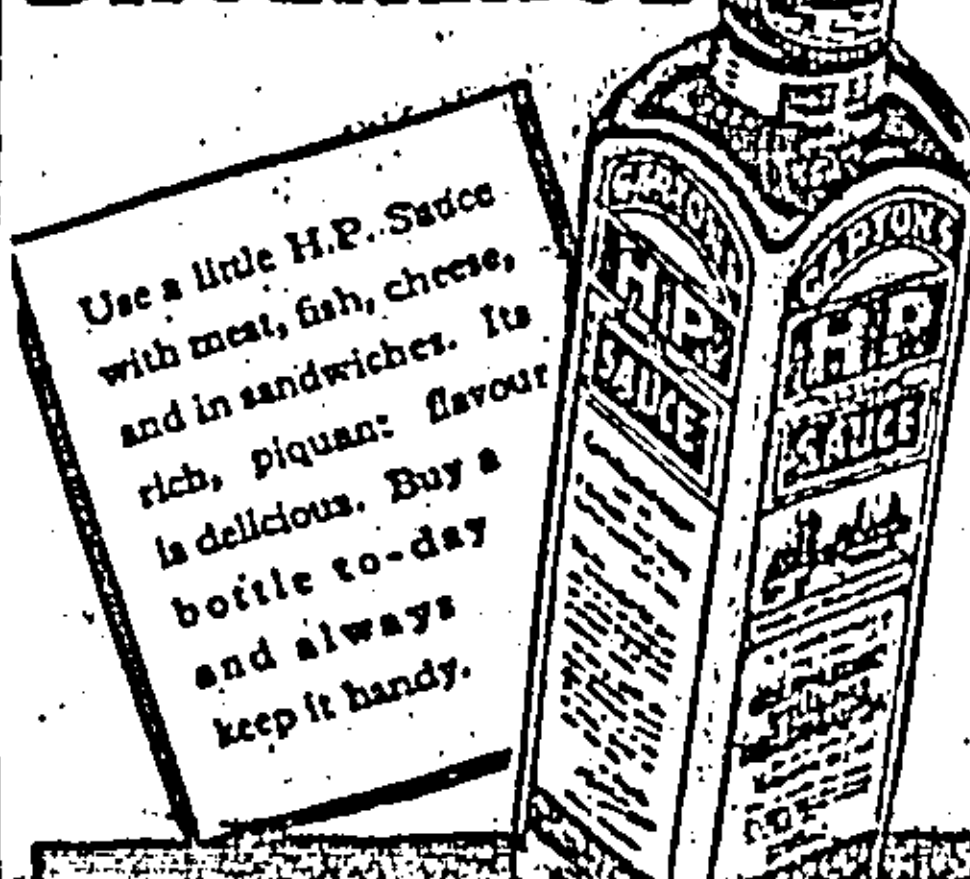
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South, Dealer

Both sides vulnerable

♠ Q 10 5

♥ A J 9 6 3

♦ A K 6 2

♣ K 4

♠ 7 6 3

♥ 9 8 5 2

♦ K 5 2

♣ 7 4

♠ A J 9 8 2

♥ A K Q 6

♦ J 9 5 4

♣ —

The bidding:

South West North East

1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass

2♥ Pass 3♥ Pass

3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

West opened the eight of clubs, dummy winning with the King.

The Queen of

spades was led for

a finesse, losing to

West's King, and

then West returned

his other trump. It

was at this point

that South decided

not to draw East's

last trump.

Instead he cashed dummy's

King of clubs and discarded the

low heart on dummy's Ace of dia-

monds. Next the low heart was

led from the dummy, and South

ran his other two high hearts —

dummy discarding the low clubs.

Now it was possible for South to

lead a third round of clubs, while

dummy ruffed out East's club

Queen. A diamond ruff put South

in to draw East's last trump (for

now there was no longer a reason

to allow him to hold it) and

then the rest of South's cards

were good.

It's true that South had to risk

getting by safely with three

rounds of hearts and two rounds

of clubs while still leaving a

trump at large, but normal breaks

would allow his plan to succeed.

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Yesterday you were playing a

Small Slam contract. You had

entries to each hand, no losers in

the side suits, and the following

trump suit:

A J 8 4

Dummy

You

K 9 7 6 5

How did you play the trumps?

ANSWER: Lead the Ace of

trumps first. If both hands follow,

you can't lose more than one trick.

If West shows out, you can lead

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East shows out, you can take the

King and lead towards dummy's

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Question No. 582

To-day you are playing another

Small Slam contract. You have

entries to each hand, no losers in

the side suits, and the following

trump suit:

J 8 7 6

Dummy

You

A Q 9 5 4 3

How do you play the trumps?

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SNORES UPSET H.R., NOT THE BOMBS

How many Londoners react to

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said: "Ah, it would be all right

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"It's the way some of the peo-

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MR. H. G. WELLS SURPRISES

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Mr. H. G. Wells, who last visited America three years ago, has arrived for a lecture tour of ten weeks. Mr. Wells and his fellow-passenger, Lord Barnby, the wool magnate, both minimised the effects of the bombing of London.

Mr. Wells, a New York correspondent says, surprised reporters nurtured on Goebbels's tales of rapid annihilation of London.

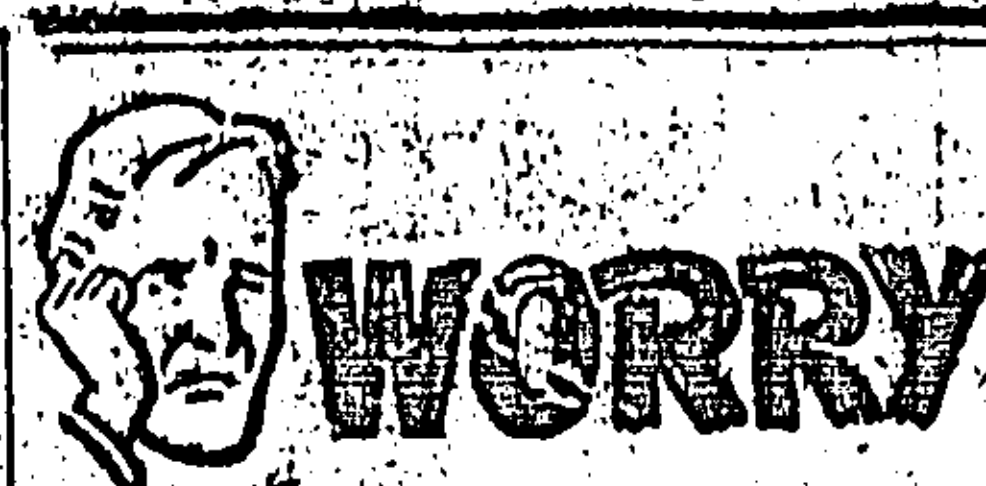
"I have never yet been in a shelter," said Mr. Wells.

REFUGE ROOM JUSTICE

For the first time in its history the Court of Appeal has delivered judgement in a refuge-room in the basement of the Law Courts.

The Court was hearing a divorce appeal when the sirens sounded.

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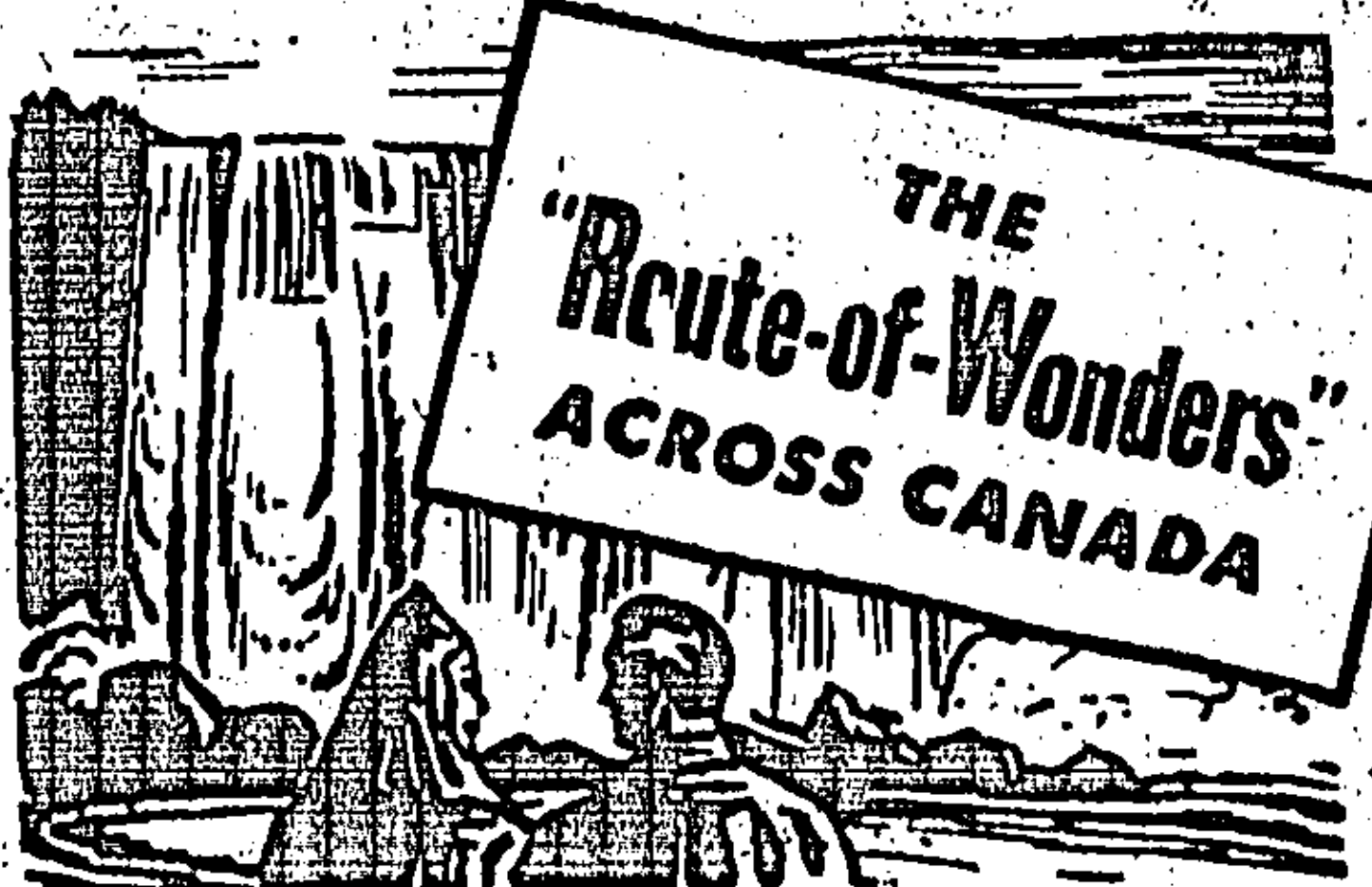
By ED REED



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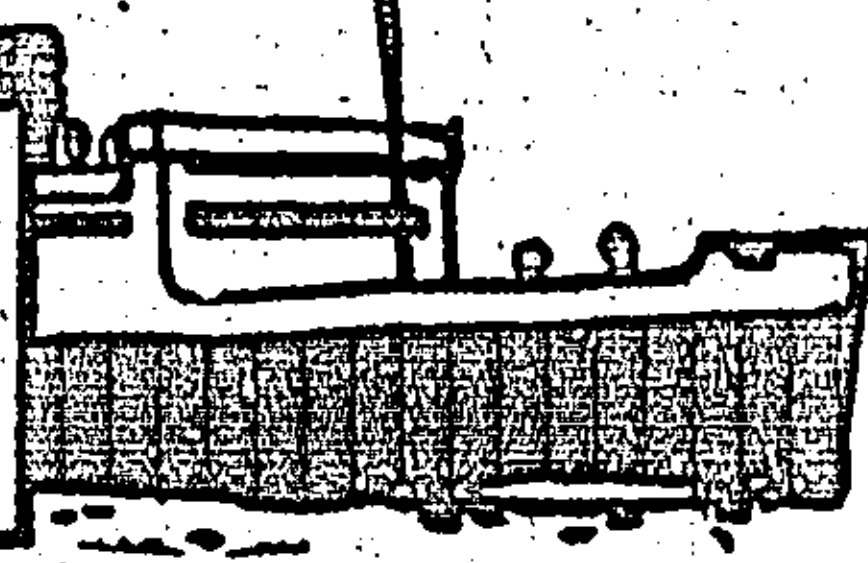
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- 12.45 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.
- 1.03 p.m.—Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.
- 1.15 p.m.—Nat Gonella and His Georgians.
- 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
- 1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.
- 2.15 p.m.—Close down.
- 6.32 p.m.—Weber—Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
- 7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
- 7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.
- 7.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
- 8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
- 8.03 p.m.—Dvorak—Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105. Prague String Quartet.
- 8.30 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Harry Ore.
- 1. Sonata No. 3 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 23 (Scriabin)—1st Mov: Drammatico; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Presto con fuoco.
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- 9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
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- 9.45 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.
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REVIEW OF JUNIOR CLUBS

McNeill's Brilliance & Improvement Earn Recognition

LEADS PAVED WAY FOR K.B.G.C. PROMOTION

By "Skip"

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB HAD TO FIGHT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY TO SECURE PROMOTION AT THE EXPENSE OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB AND TAIKOO CLUB.

Much of the Austin Road team's success was due, I would say, to their excellent leads, for Pope, Sykes and Morton were as good a set as any three I can think of. Added to this was the experience of such players as Bob Duncan, dead at home, Henry Lockhart, who played for Civil Service Cricket Club for years, Drew and Waterton.

Bovard's Improvement

Some of the Taikoo players, notably Hillon, Main and especially Bovard, showed vastly improved form but on the other hand one or two other fell off considerably. Jimmy Chalmers and Donald Munro were never quite the force of the previous season, the heavy greens seeming to upset the latter, whilst such consistent players as Melrose and Keown rarely failed to come off.

Regular Skips

Kowloon Football Club, who were runners-up on shots average, fielded only four regular skips during the whole of the season and I cannot help thinking that this had much to do with their success. Younghusband and Simpson played in practically every match, while Chittenden and Field shared the position in the other rink, the latter frequently being on duty.

Although Simpson proved to be their most improved player, Joe Eastman and Tony Lapsley also made excellent progress and should do well next year when the battle for promotion is resumed.

McNeill Promoted

Craigengower, although finishing fourth in the League, did not seem to be as formidable as in the past but they had one or two outstanding successes.

McNeill was positively brilliant as skip, losing only one game out of 10 before he virtually played him self into the first team, where he did equally well as number two.

Bill Way, I thought, was not as brilliant as of old, while Herbert Randall, general utility man, played pretty consistently, losing only one game of five when he skipped a rink.

Tribble For Promotion

Kowloon Cricket Club have one or two promising players, among whom I would especially pick out Major Parsons, who improved a lot in the off season. Both Tribble

and Bob Leigh made progress and should do well next season, when I think the former might make his way into the premier team.

Hsu And Castros Shine

Kowloon Tong's shining lights were Hsu and the brothers Castro, who both came on splendidly, Henry playing some deadly games as lead and Ted more than pulling his weight as second man. Stephens, as skip was also very consistent and he saved or added many shots.

Mackay was excellent on occasion but not quite consistent enough though he has a good idea of the game.

Recruits At Recreio

Not much can be said of Club de Recreio except that they have some very keen new players coming along and could I think easily raise four teams should they feel disposed to do so.

O. P. Remedios did not meet with the success of the previous year when he lost only once, but those sort of years come only once in a while.

Age And Enthusiasm

Eddie Souza skipped a rink regularly and had a good run midway through the season, though four losses in a row at the end

SELL-OUT FOR BIG MATCH

All the reserved tickets at \$1.00 in the uncovered stands for the League game between Eastern and Sing Tao have been sold and very few of the \$1.50 for the covered stand are left. It is expected that all reserved tickets will be sold out by this afternoon.

rather dirtied his copybook. Dick Alves' brother has taken to the game and shapes well as does F. X. Monteiro, who is very promising.

Hong Kong Cricket Club had a mixture of experience and enthusiasm, the former provided by Dai Davies, who did quite well when he took over a skip's job, and several of the old Yacht Club players like Brown, Cornell and Costello to mention just three.

The enthusiasm and not a little skill came from Alec Mackenzie, who took to the game naturally, Jimmy Mouat, Ronnie Edwards and of course our old friend "Z.B.W." Hansen!

C.S.C.C. Disappoint

Civil Service were again disappointing though one or two new players like Walker and Gardner shaped well, while I can say little kind about the Police players for the team won only one match!

PRISON OFFICERS DESERVE PROMOTION

By "Skip"

PRISON OFFICERS, deservedly won Third Division and promotion although they were only a couple of points better than Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Against which they can point out that they were getting on for a 100-shot better credit-balance than the Austin Road team.

Three players were outstanding in the Stanley team and all improved greatly on past performances. Firstly, McGrath, who not only did well in League games but made a brave show in the club's competition; secondly Tiny Freeman, who used to play, without any conspicuous success I may add, for Kowloon Cricket Club, and thirdly Webster, who unfortunately was not able to turn out in every match. The last named is better on his own green than away but will improve with time.

Scard, Elphick and Patrick showed excellent form for the Austin Road team who will be sorry to lose Patrick on transfer to another station when he recovers from his present illness. Len Jordan got the banner headlines early in the Season by securing an eight but I think he played more consistently when relieved of the responsibilities of skipping a rink.

H.K. Electric Fall Away

Hong Kong Electric tied Kowloon Bowling Green Club on points and at one time looked like winning this division but they faltered a little after a brilliant and even sensational start.

Gardner played some excellent games as lead and was by far the most improved player, though Sloan, who got a possible against Doctor Lam's rink, was very consistent as a skip as was Tarbuck his lead. V. Sorby was not called upon to play regularly but did quite well when he filled a gap.

"Chico" Wong made a name for himself in Kowloon Football Club's team, as did Ogden, whilst Dock Smalley enhanced his reputation considerably, playing some great games as skip.

Talent At H.K.F.C.

Although the team secured only fifth place in the League, there were one or two promising players in the Hong Kong Football Club's team.

Charlie Needham was the most improved player in the club and has a skip's temperament, whilst both A. and J. Watson did well, the latter especially.

Craigengower seemed to chop and change their team a lot but managed to win half their matches; no name comes to my mind as being at all above the others unless it is Esmail, who played in the first team towards the end of the season.

BADMINTON EXHIBITIONS.

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given

second highest score with 840 which included the highest individual score of the match, 209 in his fourth game. Borg came next with 833, while Moore was fair.

Engle of Tulsa was the only player on his side who failed to reach the 800 mark, his total being 734.

This player is new to match play, but his improvement has been clearly noticeable. Watts, with 822 was consistent.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Grooving The Clubhead's Path

By BEST BALL

If one is slicing it is more than likely that he is coming onto the ball in the wrong manner. An outside in stroke, cutting across the ball and adding left to right spin is the obvious cause. However, even when the player knows what is wrong, it is sometimes difficult to remedy the difficulty. If some definite path were out-lined for the club head to follow in the hitting area, the cure could be more easily accomplished. Such a plan is possible by the mere use of tees.

For example, at distance some seven or eight inches behind, and in front of the teed ball, place tees at either side of line of direction to the hole. The two on the outside path should be two inches to the right of this line, while the rear left tee should be about four inches inside the line. The front inside tee should be three inches to the left. If the clubhead comes down in a wrong path it is certain to topple over one or more of the tees and disclose the error. Practice in steering a clear path through the tees will groove the swing correctly.

Next Article:—Smoothing Out The Stroke.

by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "tit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his teammate C. Au by a similar score.

The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. W. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y" if last night's exhibition is any criterion.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

AN APPRECIATION OF C.P.O. SPENKO

By "Strike"

QUITE a good five-game

Ten Pin match between U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team was played at the Alleys on Friday. The Tulsa team were without that veteran Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who has left the China Station, and it was no doubt due to his absence that they lost by 178 pins.

In passing I would like, on behalf of all bowling fans, to express my deep sense of regret at losing this genial, laconic sportsman, whom we had come to regard as part and parcel of the Alleys.

To revert to the game mentioned above.

With the exception of Doc Molthen's effort, the scoring all round was much lower than usual. Molthen secured top score of the match with a good 848—rather lower than his usual and without one score of 200. Watts for the Alley team, was second with 778, just about the lowest score he has put up for some considerable time. He could only manage a very poor 128 in his fifth game, so he must have been out of touch!

Norg of Tulsa was not very far behind. Watts with 731. The remaining players trailed away behind to make scores of between 702 and 731.

I cannot recollect Peterson of Tulsa ever putting up such a poor score—the lowest of the match. He made 697, including a miserable 102 in his second game!

Another Tulsa Win

Vasko and his Tulsa men were in action against Royal Corps of Signals in a five-game Duck Pin

match on Sunday, the match resulting in a win for Tulsa by 79 pins.

Duck Pin matches are always keen and interesting to watch, particularly when Tulsa visits port and clashes with the Signals or the Alleys representatives.

This match was no exception. The teams were:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—O. F. Drewes, J. A. Vasko, K. E. Bellor, H. R. Holden.

Signals—J. W. Wright, A. A. Borg, F. Johnson and W. Wathen. Blount was unable to turn out and A. A. Borg of Tulsa substituted capably. Drewes, who is pretty consistent, did not disappoint on this occasion, being the star bowler of the match with a brilliant 514. Vasko, veteran Duck Pin bowler that he is, was not far behind with 507.

T. W. Wright did fairly well and got 492, to maintain the steady improvement in his Duck Pin play. I expect great things of this player.

Johnson who is new to Duck Pin match play, impressed me very much in his first turnout for Signals, while Holden, whom I do not remember having played in a similar match before did quite well to make a useful 443.

Return Match

The return match between the Alley team and Tulsa was played on December 3, and resulted in a win for Tulsa by 70 pins, the teams being:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—Pete Peterson, A. A. Borg, E. J. Moore and C. W. Engle.

Alley Team—Doc Molthen, J. H. Watts, S. A. Ismail and H. B. Wilkins.

Molthen was again top-scorer with 859 and he also had the distinction of being the only player on his side to top 200, bagging 203 in his fifth game. Peterson was



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Last Race Meeting Of The Year

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapiet"

THE MEETING to be held at Macao on Sunday will be the last under the auspices of Macao Jockey Club for 1940, and, judging by the entries received, should be well attended.

There are six events down for decision, most important being the Chung Shan Handicap on which a special dollar sweep has been organised.

The S.S. "Chungshan" of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co. will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.15 a.m.

First saddling bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

RACE NO. 1—"THE KIN SHAN HANDICAP": FIVE FURLONGS

Opening race of the day is a sprint event confined to "X" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club. Sports Venture, although unplaced in the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting, has again been given 168 lb. to carry and must, therefore, on the official handicapper's estimation, be regarded as the best pony. As it will again be ridden by Mr. J. Nolasco, who will have an allowance of 5 lb., the weight should not jeopardise its chances.

The Mermaid has been penalised by 5 lb. for coming in third to The Spirit of St. Louis at the previous meeting, with Sports Venture, and, on that performance, should do well. Its principal opposition is likely to come from either Black Diamond or Eagle, which were first and second respectively in the Tai Sam Bar Handicap over six furlongs.

My selections are The Mermaid to win with Black Diamond second and Eagle third.

RACE NO. 2—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP": (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "E" Class China ponies, classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Judging from the entries, Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao), in view of its third placing in the Taipo Stakes at the Valley to King's Worthy and Zero, and the fact that these two ponies will not be competing, should win.

It should, however, receive stern opposition from Radium Star (Mr. Liang), the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section), which is quite fast over this distance.

Ascot Vale (Mr. Pan) which was fourth to Lancashire Chap in the above race is another pony that should not be disregarded as it is quite fit at the moment.

Heddon will again be taken out by its owner-jockey, Mr. Lo Kwong-to and, as it lost to Radium Star by only a neck at Macao in the last meeting, should be near at the finish.

Nevertheless, I fancy Lancashire Chap to win, with Radium Star second and Ascot Vale third.

RACE NO. 3—"THE DECEMBER HANDICAP": ONCE ROUND

"D" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race. King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), the winner of the Taipo Stakes, has been promoted and although it will carry 151 lb., having been penalised by 1 lb., Mr. Hoo will receive 5 lb. allowance, so it should be well up with the leaders if it does not actually win.

Then there is Phoenix (Mr. Liang), which came in second to Eve of Hunting in the Human Handicap (First Section) over the Champions distance, to be reckoned with and the Leopard (Mr. Chao) which should do better with only 148 lb. to handle.

Chatterbox (Mr. Chanson Feng) has been in poor form recently and for that reason, I think it can be left alone. I look to King's Worthy to pass the winning post first, with Phoenix and The Leopard fighting it out for second place.

RACE NO. 4—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP": (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class



China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will contest this race. Gallant Marshal (Mr. Liang), which was third in the Republican Handicap (Second Section) has not had its weight altered, but I do not fancy its chances as the opposition is quite powerful. I prefer National Liberty which was made favourite in the Taipo Stakes over the mile, and, although unplaced on that occasion it will probably win this race, as the distance is more to its liking. Dow-Jones (Mr. Yuen) has been given top weight of 168 lb., followed by Georgie (Mr. Sequeira) with 165 lb. and although they are good over this distance, I am afraid the heavy burden is likely to prevent them from winning. King's Envoy (Mr. K. I. Ip) was a disappointment at the last meeting in Macao but, given a good start, should do well.

My selections are National Liberty, Georgie and Gallant Marshal.

RACE NO. 5—"THE CHUNG SHAN HANDICAP": ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and "Y" Class China ponies of the Macao Jockey Club that have started at a Race Meeting since January 1940 will compete. On the result of this race the big \$100 Sweep will depend. Victory Life (Mr. A. Kwok) won the Tongkwan Handicap at the last meeting carrying 150 lb. and although it will be asked to carry 162 lb. with a 5 lb. allowance it will actually be carrying 167 lb. For that reason I feel that its chances of repeating its previous success are good. Shanghai 4 for coming in second to Victory Life in the above race has gone up by 2 lb. and as it has regained some of its old form it should again fight out the finish with the above pony and probably avenge its last defeat.

Meadow Eve (Mr. Chao), which was expected to win at the last meeting, could only fill the minor position but as it will be running at 7 lb. less on this occasion, it should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

Hogmanay, although entered, did not start at the last meeting and, with only 140 lb. to handle,

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Small Units Rugby

Football

TWO games were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday in the Small Units Rugby League between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals, and the Middlesex "B" team and the Combined Fifteen of the Service Corps and Ordnance.

The first match between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals resulted in a win for the Gunners by 18 points to nil.

The game was very interesting to watch and the Gunners showed better understanding in their play and well deserved their win, although the Medicals did not lose heart and kept on trying until the end.

In the second game the Middlesex beat R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. by 12 points to nil after giving a fine display of Rugby.

The Small Unit Leagues to date are below.

Small Units Leagues

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Royal Scots	2	2	0	0	4
Middlesex	2	1	1	0	3
8th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	1	1	1
Signals	1	0	0	1	0
R.A.S.C.	1	0	0	1	0

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Engineers	2	2	0	0	4
5th A.A.	2	1	0	1	2
R.A.M.C.	2	1	0	1	2
12th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	0	2	0

It looks as if Royal Scots and Engineers will win their respective Leagues and will play in the final, although Middlesex are only a point behind the Scots. The League should be decided when these teams meet next week.

Polo

IN the first round of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup knockout competition played at Boundary street on Wednesday the Artillery teams did well to win both their matches against the Middlesex and Fixed Defences.

The first game, between the H.K. S.R.A. "B" team and the Fixed Defences, resulted in a win for the Gunners by 5-3, goals being scored by Capt. Duncan (2), Capt. Monro (2) and Capt. Atkinson for the H.K. S.R.A., and for the Defences Capt. Forrester (2) and Lieut. Colonel Way (1).

The second games was played between the H.K. S.R.A. "A" team and the Middlesex and resulted in a big win for the former by 11 goals to nil.

The H.K. S.R.A. were far superior to the Middlesex in all phases of the game and well deserved their victory.

Capt. T. W. Chattey played a good game for the losers but his side lacked confidence in front of the goal.

Goal scorers were Major Wilson (6), Lieut. Smith (4) and Lieut. Fielden.

looks dangerous here. It will not surprise if it causes an upset.

Victory Life is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP": (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race will wind up the programme for the day and the year and will be contested by third section of China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E". The Spirit of St. Louis, for its win in the Republican Handicap (third section) at the last meeting, has been penalised by 2 lb. and it should again figure prominently, probably winning again.

There is, however, Persian Cat (Mr. Yuen) to be reckoned with as it lost only by a head to the above pony. As it will be receiving 4 lb. from it on Sunday, it should just about reverse its last meeting defeat. Mac's Adventure (Mr. Yeh) is also to be considered, as well as National Anthem (Mr. Poon), with Sunshine, Suse (Mr. Yuen) a possible menace.

I think first place will again be fought out by The Spirit of St. Louis and Persian Cat with Mac's Adventure taking third place.

Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Large Units Hockey League commenced with the undermentioned results:—

Combined Small Units drew with the Royal Scots, each scoring one goal.

Middlesex beat Engineers by four goals to one; 5th A.A. drew with the Punjabs 1-1;

12th R.A. beat the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 2-1.

In the Hong Kong Hockey Tournament the Engineers are still winning, their latest victims being the A. N. Other XI whom they beat on Sunday by two goals to one.

The Sappers scored their two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game through Denyer and Hornburg. Next Sunday they meet Police "A" and will need a strong team.

Billiards

ON Tuesday Royal Air Force played Y.M.C.A. in a friendly game of billiards and lost by 173 points.

R.A.F.	Y.M.C.A.
W. O. Williams	100
Col. Edwards	51
F. Alkman	43
Cpl. Smith	83
C. T. Champelevier	100

Total 326 499

Messrs Windsor Bros. have kindly offered to present Area Billiards with a silver shield the presentation of which will be decided by the Billiards Secretary. This is a very fine gesture and will be very much appreciated by Units of the Garrison.

Football

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Service Corps defeated the Ordnance Corps by five clear goals in their Second Division encounter and move to the top of the League.

The Service Corps are after breaking the local goal-scoring record for one season, which is 98 goals. So far they have scored 65 goals in 11 matches!

Billiards

THE following Trophies will be awarded in the Garrison Billiards and Snooker competitions this year:—

Highest Billiards break for the year in all competition (One Silver Cup);

Highest snooker break for the year (One Silver Cup);

Greatest number of Billiards breaks of 20 and over in all competitions (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate one frame of snooker actually played (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate for the year in the Garrison Billiards League only (One Silver Cup Presented by the R.A.M.C.).

Athletics

THE Signals have one entry for the South China Athletic Association Sports meeting on December 29 and January 1, in the 10,000 metres flat race. This is Sig-Lewis who did well in the Kowloon Marathon last month and should be capable of holding his own in this event.

At the annual Unit athletic representatives meeting held last week the following decisions were made with regards to the Area cross-country runs and Athletics which will take place towards the end of April.

This year Army will hold two separate cross-country runs, one for British and Chinese personnel only, and one for Indian personnel only.

Middlesex Activities

Middlesex Regiment will shortly be holding their Inter-Company Novice boxing competition which will commence on December 10.

They are also starting their Annual Boxing League of War Companies of the Battalion.



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RATCLIFFE, TROPP AND GOSS SHINE

A big partnership between Ratcliffe and Goss and another splendid bowling feat by Tropp were chiefly responsible for the Royal Engineers' cricket win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday by 49 runs.

Ratcliffe hit a six and seven fours in his 53, while Goss found the boundary six times.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Tropp, b Hawkins	5
Pelham, b Hawkins	13
Bailey, c Brown, b Smith	8
Ratcliffe, b Hawkins	53
Goss, l.b.w., b Hawkins	40
Denyer, b Hemsley	17
Hawkins, b Hawkins	0
Monaghan, c and b Hemsley	0
Gough, not out	1
Noldie, b Hemsley	0
Extras (B16)	16

Total

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	6	1	47	1
Hemsley	9	0	33	3
Hawkins	7	0	51	5
Naylor	1	0	6	0

R. A. F.

Paling, b Tropp	6
Stockham, c Ratcliffe, b Tropp	8
Hunt, b Tropp	0
Abbas, c Pelham, b Tropp	10
Richardson, b Denyer	0
Hemsley, ht, wkt., b Tropp	21
Naylor, c Pelham, b Tropp	0
Brown, b Denyer	34
Hawkins, not out	5
Smith, b Tropp	0
Gallagher, not out	4
Extras (B10, LBI, W5)	16

Total

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	11	2	27	7
Ratcliffe	5	2	15	0
Denyer	6	0	32	2
Goss	2	0	14	0

S. CHINA ATHLETIC SPORTS

A Track and Field Meet of the South China Athletic Association, will be held on December 29, and New Year's Day, at Caroline Hill.

The following are the events:—
Men's A teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres; and 1,500 metres flat race; 110 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

Men's B teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres flat race.

Ladies' A teams: 50 metres sprint; 100 metres sprint; 200 metres; and 400 metres flat race; and 80 metre hurdles.

Ladies' B teams: 50 metres and 100 metres sprint.

Men's field events:—Shot-put; throwing the discus; high jump; pole jump; broad jump; javelin throwing and hop-skip-and-jump; for "A" teams. For B teams:—High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events:—Basketball throwing; shot put (8 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; throwing the discus and javelin throwing; for A teams. For B teams:—High jump and broad jump.

(N.B. Height for men competing in the B teams is not to exceed 5 feet; and for ladies, 4 feet 6 inches).

Open Events

The following events are open to the public:

Men's A teams: 400 metres relay and 1,600 metres relay.

Men's B teams: 400 metres relay; Ladies teams: 400 metres relay. Open to all comers—10,000 metres.

Special events are: the 400 metres relay open to all departments of the S.C.A.A.; and 100 metres handicap.

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By "Sportshawk"

FOLLOWING A VERY hard fought match

"H.Q." Company of Royal Scots at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, lost to "H.Q." Company of Middlesex, who thus entered the final of the Small Units' Knockout Football Competition.

The winners were best served by their pivot, Bright, and inside-left, Sheehan, both Interceptors.

The former played a brilliant

game throughout; being very impressive both with his spilling and distribution, while the latter made many scoring opportunities.

Apart from these two players, Revell was very steady in defence and Smith held his own well at left-half, while Pearson and Moggeridge formed a strong right flank attacking unit.

On the whole, the Middlesex team displayed very sound com-

bination and dominated the greater part of the play.

Salter And Fowler In Form

For the Scots, Salter, although twice beaten was quite sound between the sticks and Fowler, right

back, distinguished himself. The latter player broke up many opposition attacks and it is safe to say that without him a larger score might have been registered against them.



Parnaby was the only one to shine in the intermediate line for the Scots, while Holden and Gilroy were the pick of their forwards.

Pearson scored the opening goal through a penalty against Fowler for hands in the first half, while Moggeridge registered the final goal after robbing Salter of the ball in the second period.

"H.Q." Coy., Middlesex:—Michin; Stickley and Revell; Jackson, Bright and Smith; Moggeridge, Pearson, Hymes, Sheehan and Endersby.

"H.Q." Coy., Royal Scots:—Salter; Fowler and Fraser; Gibb; Gibson and Parnaby; Stevens, Gordon, Holden, Bailly and Gilroy.

CHARITY SOCCER

Kwong Wah will play Club at Boundary Street on Saturday in First Division. The proceeds will be donated to the Refugee and

CLUB WITHOUT GODFREY

Club will be without G. G. Godfrey for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament game against Navy to-morrow at the Valley, at 4 p.m.

Godfrey has injured his knee and is at present under doctor's orders.

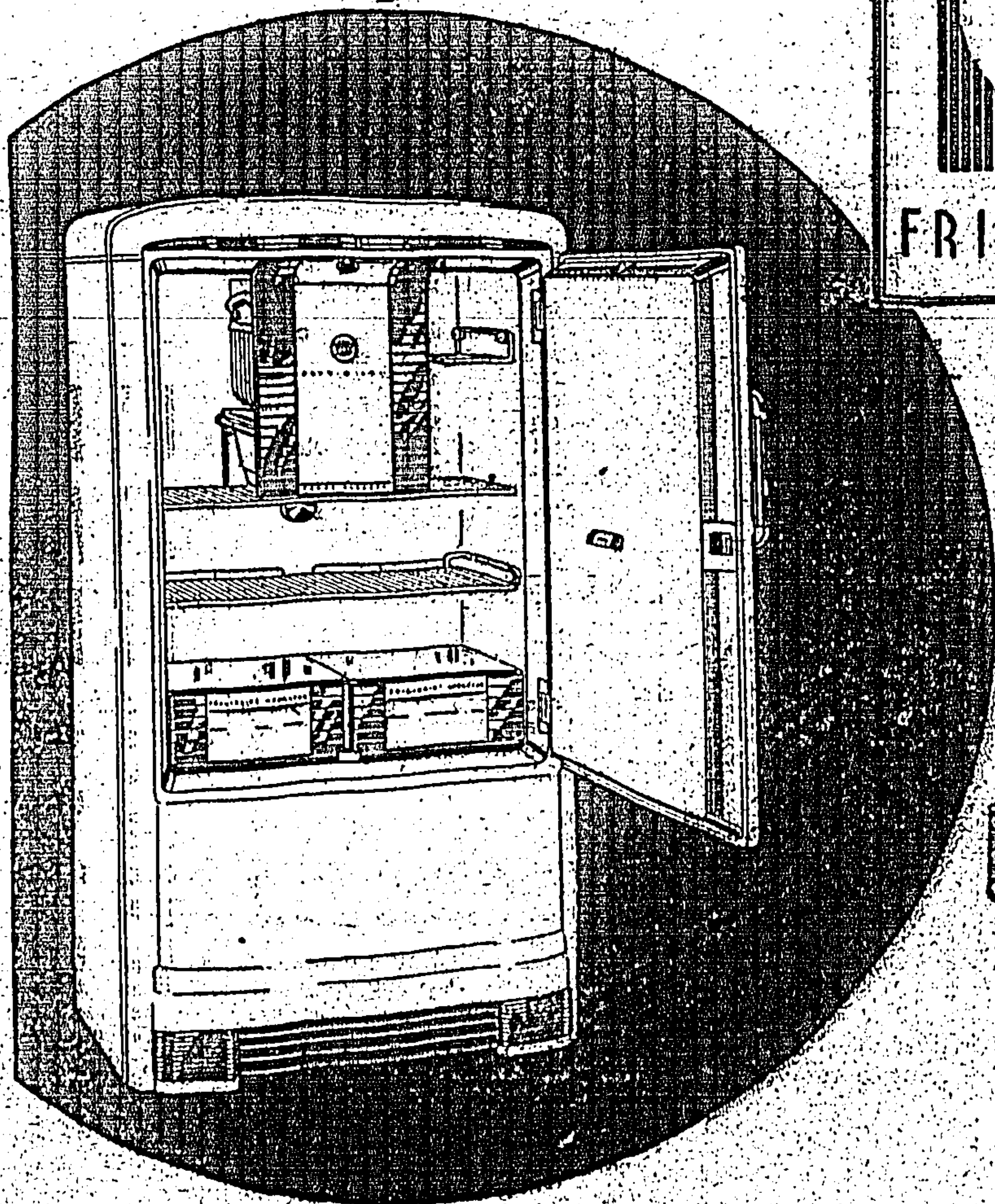
G. G. Davies will take his place at wing-forward.

J. C. Charter may also be unavailable as his injury has not responded to treatment as fast as it might have done. In the event of his absence D. G. Day will be brought in at centre-threequarter.

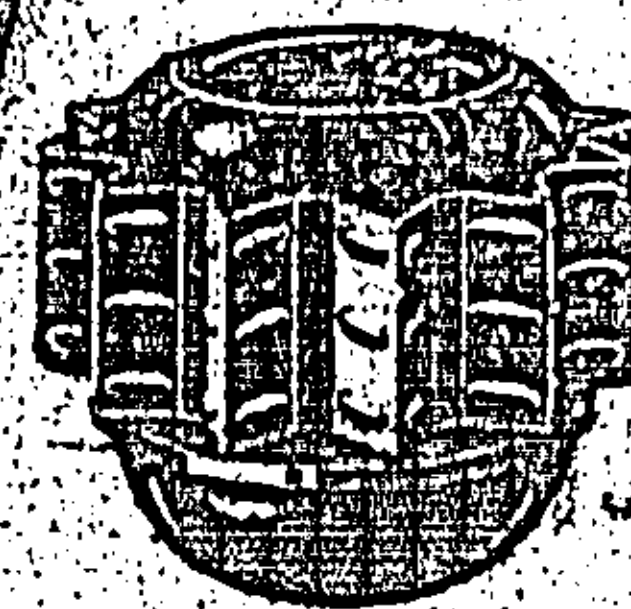
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Heavy Raids From North Germany To Turin

British Trawlers Lost

Four British trawlers and one drifter were recently lost through damage sustained by mine-sweeping.

An official Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday alluded to the fact that the German High Command lay continual stress upon the mining of British ports.

These ports and their approaches, stated the communique, are kept clear of mines from day to day by the tenacity and courage of British mine-sweeping forces.

The enemy is using all manner of devices to prevent or hinder the sweeping of these mines.

Although the success of these devices has been limited and is likely to decrease, they impose losses like the above mentioned upon our sweeping forces.

The trawlers lost are the Ethel Taylor, Amethyst, Elk and Colverton, and the drifter the Christmas Rose.

There are no casualties in Amethyst and Elk. — Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY RUGGER SUCCESS

The New Zealand Army rugby team yesterday beat Oxford University by 21 points to 5 at Oxford.

Oxford meets Cambridge in the

Italy's Main Arsenal Heavily Hit

R.A.F. BOMBERS on Wednesday night made an attack on various objectives in the Dusseldorf area where fires and explosions resulted from the bombing.

Another force of British aircraft, states the Air Ministry, bombed selected targets at Turin and considerable damage was observed by bomber crews.

Other targets attacked included the ports of Antwerp and Calais and several enemy aerodromes, as well as searchlight and anti-aircraft gun positions.

One British aircraft is missing from the operations over Italy but all other aircraft returned safely.

The big Mannesmann Rehrenwerke armament works, employing some 6,000 people, railway yards in the Derendorf district, quays and dockyards along the Rhine and at Dusseldorf, and coal and gas plants were among the main objectives of our raids.

There was much cloud but the first arrival was lucky in finding a gap and over a dozen fires followed the bursts of his high explosive and incendiary bombs.

annual inter-Varsity match on Dec. 7.—Reuter.

12-Hour Attack

Our aircraft continued to raid Dusseldorf at intervals for nearly 12 hours.

One pilot saw "fifteen to twenty good fires" in an "around" the Derendorf railway yards and the flare of fires striking up through the cloud banks told of crippling damage.

Turin Arsenal

The Royal Arsenal at Turin was the chief objective of our attacks on Italy and much was done to reduce the arsenal's output of guns, tanks, ammunition and other instruments of war.

The British pilots flew through dense cloud until they reached the Alps but the clouds suddenly cleared and visibility over Turin was excellent.

First news of the raid received in England was a message from one pilot: "Raid successful, weather perfect," states the Air Ministry news service.

Several hours later the first of the aircraft returned.

Fiat Works Hit

On the way to the arsenal one bomber placed a stick of bombs across the Fiat works but the majority of the attackers concentrated on the Royal Arsenal.

Flares were dropped and a large fire started immediately. Grey smoke curled up for 2,000 to 2,000 feet.

Other bombers quickly appeared and for two hours, beginning shortly after nine o'clock, they bombed the arsenal.

Fires and explosions were so numerous, according to the report of one pilot, that it was impossible to distinguish the effect of bombs falling among them.

Fierce Explosion

Seven minutes after the last bomber left on the return journey a fierce explosion was heard and flames shot up again and were visible for 50 miles on the homeward journey.

Large fires were also started at the Fiat works.

Two bombs burst on the roof and one large explosion was observed.

A subsidiary Fiat factory, manufacturing both motor and aero engines was also attacked.

Two sticks of bombs burst directly on the main buildings after which a glow was visible, and later it was clearly seen that an internal fire was raging. — Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

Regarding persistent reports concerning British credits to China, Reuter learned in Chungking yesterday that while no details can be obtained, some form of British assistance to China will be forthcoming as the result of conversations between the British and Chinese authorities. — Reuter.

A new and important angle to the Japanese blockade of the western outside roads area in Shanghai appeared with the operation of Japanese-owned buses along certain streets of the zone.

These are operating on the routes of vehicles of the British-owned China General Omnibus Co., which have not been permitted in the area since the start of the blockade.

It is understood that the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Consular Body are gathering the facts in order to file a strong protest on the operation without franchise, license or any other authority, of buses along what are still considered extra-Settlement roads. — Reuter.

Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan, arrived in the Colony this morning en route to Tokyo.

He was met by Captain Batty-Smith, A.D.C. to His Excellency the acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton.

Sir John was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Shaw. Mr. Shaw has been appointed Third Secretary to the newly created Australian Legation in Tokyo.

EGYPT'S NEW MINISTER

Abdul Haid Feadaoui Pasha was yesterday appointed Finance Minister of Egypt in succession to Hassan Bey Sadek, who becomes Minister of Defence.

The new Finance Minister is a Royal Councillor and lawyer of international fame.

He had been offered Cabinet posts many times previously but always refused them.

Hassan Bey Sadek is an engineering expert whose knowledge will be valuable to the Government in the air raid precautions programme.—Reuter.

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SOVIET'S REBUFF TO JAPAN

Important Statement On Sino-Soviet Relations Assistance To Be Continued

THE DECLARATION JUST MADE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO THAT "THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION TOWARDS CHINA REMAINS UNCHANGED," IS THE FIRST IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR FOUR MONTHS.

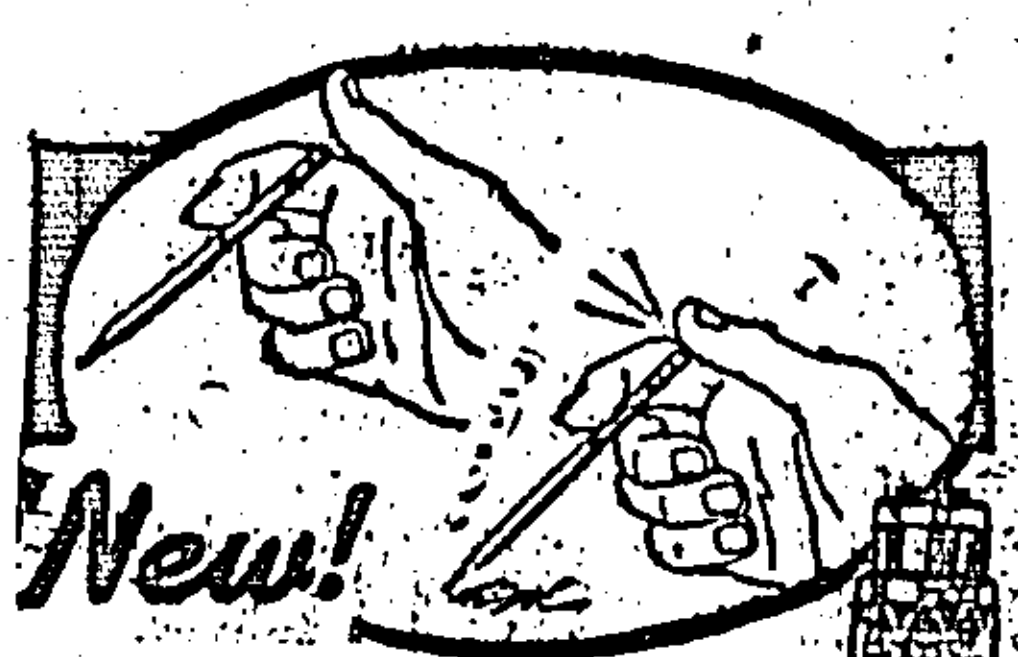
Last such pronouncement was made by the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, on August 1, when he declared: "Regarding our relations with great National China, which is fighting for its existence, they are as ever good-neighbourly and friendly, in accordance with the Soviet-Chinese Non-Aggression Pact."

China's Steel Industry

CHINA WILL BE PRACTICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN STEEL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND ABLE TO COVER MOST OF HER MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

This announcement was made in Chungking yesterday by an official of the Ministry of Economic Affairs after a conference of 30 Chinese iron and steel experts.

This year metal production has been 30 per cent. above last year. Within the next six months, it is claimed, four-fifths of the new furnaces will be at work reaching maximum output at the end of 1941. — *Reuter*.



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ON SALE AT **SINCERE'S**

While the new statement made to Japan does not necessarily imply any setback to recent efforts to normalise Soviet-Japanese relations, it does give the lie to many rumours by publicly reaffirming Soviet friendship for China, as represented by the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

Nor does the statement lose in significance, in that it made a response to the notification by Tokyo that the anti-Communist Article in the agreement just concluded with the Nanking regime is not directed in any way against the Soviet and will not affect Japan's desire to adjust her relations with the Soviet.

Japan Red-Hot

The "Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, discussing the international situation yesterday, noted that both Britain and the United States reacted quickly to the announcement of the Nanking agreement.

Regarding the internal situation in Japan the newspaper declares that Prince Konoye's political and economic measures are arousing resentment. The "Red Star" adds: "The internal political situation is so red hot that the Army and Navy Ministers have had to demand the suppression of rumours and the activities of those who are trying to undermine the Government." — *Reuter*.

FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA

INVESTIGATIONS INTO ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA BY THE FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SPANISH CONSUL-GENERAL, SENOR RIESTRA, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE SPANISH FALANGE PARTY IN CUBA, WAS DEMANDED YESTERDAY BY A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN HAVANA.

In a resolution they urged a Congressional investigation similar to the Dies Committee on un-American activities in the United States, and called upon the Government to define its foreign policy. — *Reuter*.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN ANHWEI

Severe fighting is going on in the central Yangtse Valley in the vicinity of Pengtsh, below Kukiang, according to reports received in Chungking yesterday. The Japanese are said to have launched attacks on Chinese positions on the south bank of the Yangtse, where the Chinese have been threatening Japanese shipping plying between Shanghai and Hankow. — *Reuter*.

PLIGHT OF DANISH FARMERS

The plight of Danish farmers since the Germans occupied their country is shown in a somewhat amazing broadcast over the Nazi-controlled Danish radio station.

Here are some pertinent facts, as given by the radio station itself: —

Pigs are so under-nourished that their bones have become fragile and many pigs break their legs on the way to market.

The number of sows has been cut by nearly 50 per cent.

Horned-cattle stock has been reduced by 250,000.

Danish cows and heifers have seldom looked so scraggy.

Barns, which should be full of fodder for the winter, give the impression of April, not November.

Farmers are faced with the problem of either selling their stock for slaughtering or trying to get through the winter by half under-feeding the animals.

There is only a small stock of super-phosphate for putting on the fields left.

Milk and butter produced in September was 25 per cent less than a year ago, and there has been a further fall since then. — *Reuter*.

EAGLE SQUADRON

THE "EAGLE SQUADRON" OF THE R.A.F. — COMPOSED OF AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS — WAS ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON YESTERDAY BY CAPTAIN BALFOUR, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AIR.

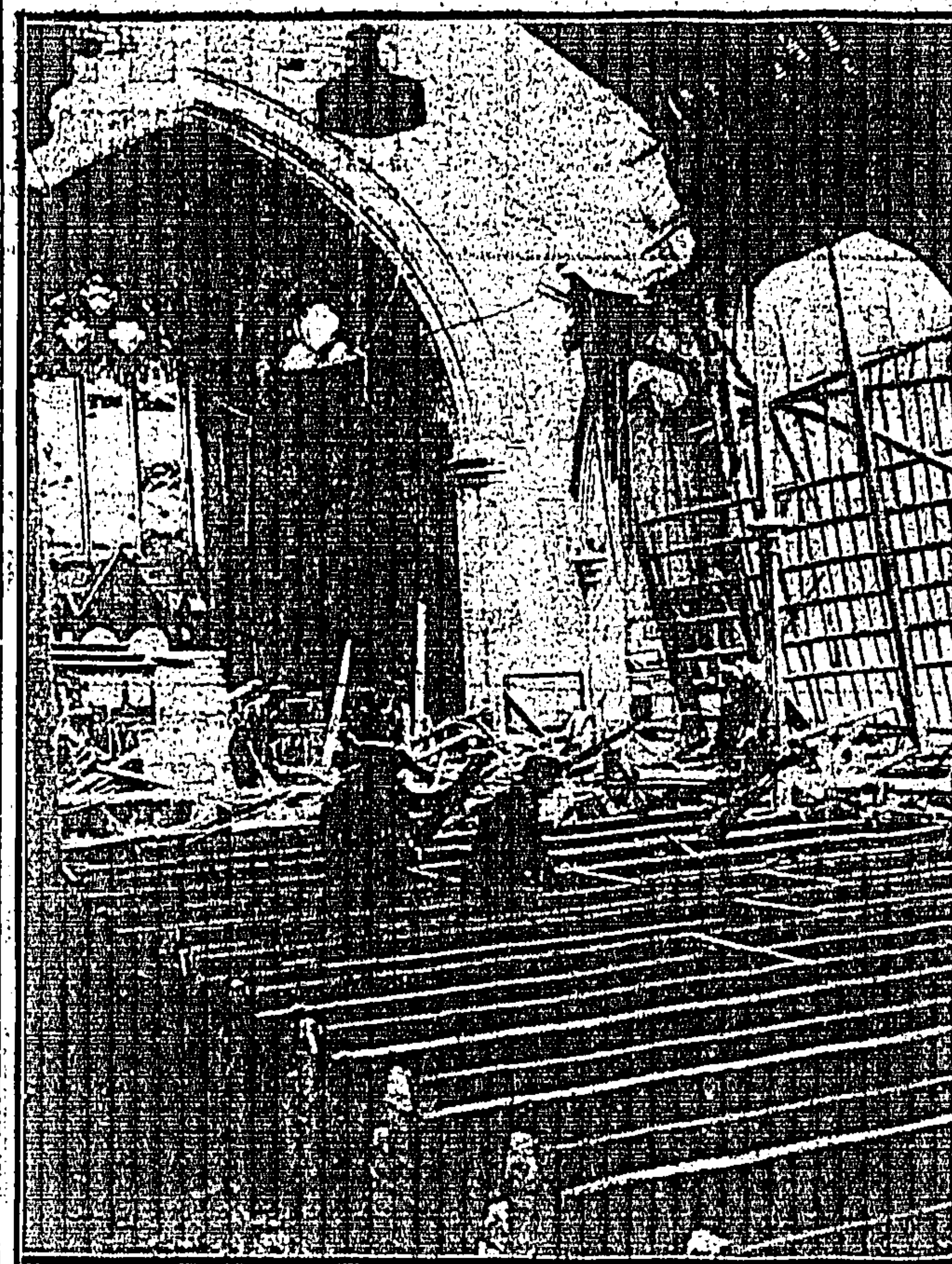
He said: —
"The Eagle Squadron symbolises the common determination of the United States and the British Empire to preserve their rights to lead national and individual lives free from domination by the heel of Nazism." — *Reuter*.

KASSALA SKIRMISH

A BRITISH PATROL SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED A LARGE ENEMY WORKING PARTY IN THE KASSALA SECTION, INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

This further success in the Sudan was recorded in yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo, which also states that in the area west of Gallabat British artillery was again active.

No change has occurred on other fronts. — *Reuter*.



Raid damage in the North-East of England. Interior of a wrecked church in a North-Eastern town. Scaffolding and walls have been torn down by the explosion. Workmen are clearing debris from the aisle and pews. (Copyright, Fox).

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY PLAN TO BE REVIVED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT intends to ask Congress to approve the treaty with Canada for completion of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project. The President made this announcement to the Great Lake Seaway and Power Conference in Detroit yesterday.

The St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty was signed in Washington in July, 1932. The treaty was, however, defeated in Congress two years later, partly due to lobbying exertions by railway and other interests who feared that existing channels of commerce in the United States would be adversely affected if an ocean-going steamers could sail up the waterway into the heart of the Great Lakes, thus obtaining direct access to the great distributing centres of the Middle West.

In his message yesterday President said: "It is now a vital necessity to complete this seaway which is comparable in economic value to the Panama Canal."

President Roosevelt added that the project would provide millions of units of electrical energy "which we need to speed up production for defence."

He concluded: "Much of our national safety and welfare depend on the completion of this project." — *Reuter*.

A LITTLE BIRD WHISPERED

YESTERDAY'S ROME COMMUNIQUE WAS DISMAL READING FOR ITALIANS.

It did not even profess to know what was going on in Albania, merely stating that "attacks and counter-attacks are reported to have taken place yesterday." — *Reuter*.

NEW ZEALAND'S PLEDGE

"New Zealand is with you to the last penny of our wealth, the last inch of our property and the last drop of our blood."

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, gave this assurance to the British people at a state luncheon in Wellington yesterday marking the approaching end of Viscount Galway's term of office as Governor-General.

Mr. Fraser said Viscount Galway would be taking back to the King and people of Britain New Zealand's admiration and gratitude at their fight for themselves and the peoples of the Dominions.

"From Buckingham Palace to the slums of Wellington is the common danger realised and a common determination to carry on to victory." — *Reuter*.

War For A Way Of Life: Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

The Maxton Fallacy

REPLYING FOR THE Government to the Debate on the Speech from the Throne in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. C. R. Attlee addressed his remarks to Mr. James Maxton, who proposed the amendment to the Speech and who covered the ground of his colleagues' arguments with all his accustomed vehemence.

Mr. Attlee declared there was a fundamental fallacy throughout Mr. Maxton's speech. It was that there was a choice between on one side, a terrible war, and on the other, all the beauties of peace.

AUSTRALIAN RECRUITING

The army authorities in Australia are arranging for enlistments at the rate of 5,000 men monthly when recruiting for the Australian Imperial Force is resumed on January 29. Recruits will be trained as reinforcements for the three overseas divisions and for corps troops. — British Wireless.

OFFICIAL U.S. LOAN ATTITUDE

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, agrees that Britain is a "good risk," he told his press conference in Washington yesterday referring to the statement by Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, the previous day.

Asked when Britain would require credits Mr. Morgenthau replied: "If I knew the answer it would not have been necessary for Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury official, to come over."

Mr. Morgenthau added that so far as he knew Sir Frederick had come to the United States only to present actual information on British finances and resources available in the United States, and not to request a loan. — Reuters.

SUCCESS OF GEN. WU'S TOUR

Nearly \$5,000,000 in contributions has been raised by South Seas Chinese as result of the tour of the Straits Settlements by General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs. It was officially stated in Chungking yesterday. — Reuters.

"I am not," said Mr. Attlee, "in a position to say when our war aims will be stated but I can say we are trying to establish a peace of all free peoples such as we civilised peoples understand it, which is not a peace in which everybody is subdued to the will of one man or one nation."

"You must replace anarchy by ordered peace and must base that ordered peace on ordered justice."

"We want to build a new world on a foundation of liberty — giving the individual in every nation an opportunity to recognise to the full his or her personality."

"It is directly there that you come up against the false idea that the individual is nothing."

Cannot Lay Down Law

"We believe you can broaden and expand the principles we have adopted here — not adopted only but extended steadily to the British Commonwealth and throughout the British Empire — an extension of wider political, personal and economic liberties."

In conclusion Mr. Attlee said: "We cannot lay down the law to the rest of the world and we do not wish to do so. We can only say here is our way of life."

Mr. Attlee sat down amid some of the warmest Ministerial cheers heard for some time past.

The Independent Labour Party amendment to the Address was defeated by 341 votes to 4 and the Address was adopted. — Reuters.

EGYPT'S NEW MINISTER

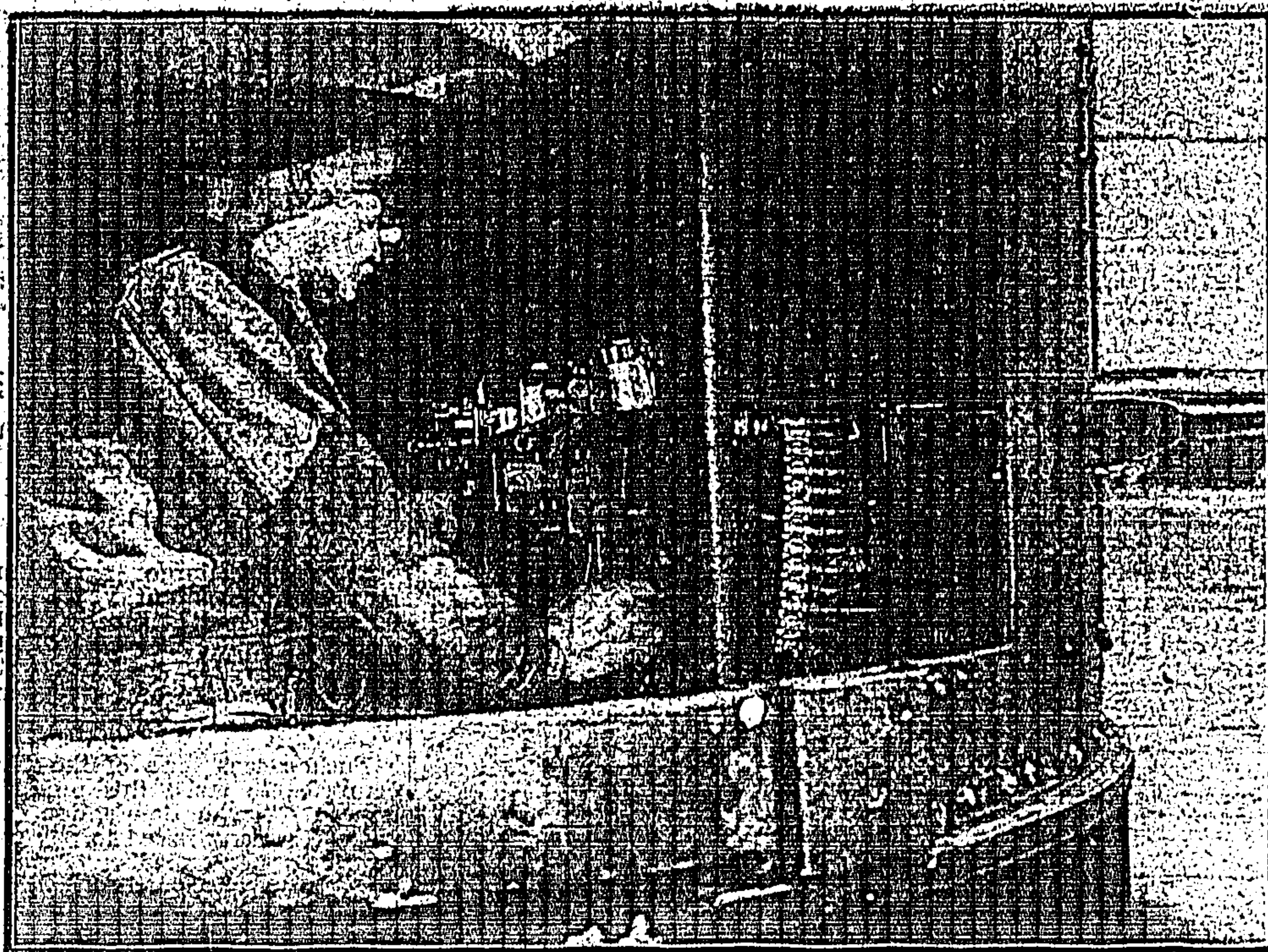
Abdul Haid Feadaoui Pasha was yesterday appointed Finance Minister of Egypt in succession to Hassan Bey Sadek, who becomes Minister of Defence.

The new Finance Minister is a Royal Councillor and lawyer of international fame.

He had been offered Cabinet posts many times previously but always refused them. Hassan Bey Sadek is an engineering expert whose knowledge will be valuable to the Government in the air raid precautions programme. — Reuters.

The s.s. Fatshan returned from Canton at 5 p.m. yesterday with a capacity number of passengers on board.

ARMY'S LATEST MACHINE-GUN



Special factories have been built for the manufacture of the Besa machine-gun, the latest of its type to be adopted by the British Army. The gun is made in two calibres, 7.92 and 15 millimetres, or .312 in. and .591 in. Based on the principle of the Bren gun which has a calibre of .303 in., the same as the army rifle, the Besa can be mounted on tanks or used on the ground. From the 7.92mm. model approximately 3,000 rounds can be fired in 30 minutes without change of barrel. With the use of two barrels 7,000 rounds have been fired in 30 minutes. Eight hundred rounds have been fired from the 15mm. weapon in from eight to 10 minutes when two barrels have been used. The Besa Machine-Gun is shown above fitted in the Tank with a 2-pounder gun so that both can be used. (Copyright, Fox).

ARREST IN DOUBLE MURDER

WITHIN FIVE HOURS OF A DOUBLE MURDER IN THE CHUNG HWA BOOK COMPANY'S PREMISES IN GILMAN'S BAZAAR EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, THE POLICE ARRESTED A CHINESE, ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED IN THE SAVAGE ATTACK ON TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY. The cooler, Wong Shu-kam, who was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, died at 10.45 a.m. yesterday, in the wake of which men have been removed to the mortuary.

After investigation by the C.I.D., the police visited the Company's premises in Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon, and, following interrogation, arrested one of the employees.

ADD ALSO A PINCH OF SALT

Italy is relying upon oil supplies from Rumania and Albania, the Italian news agency stated yesterday.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" is quoted as saying that Italy's oil supplies are assured and that Britain therefore is mistaken in her calculations.

"Italy is receiving by reliable means a large quantity of oil from Rumania, and she can also use Albanian wells," the paper states.

"To this must be added alcohol distilleries established under the system of autarchy and national production of methane gas which completely suffices for civil and military needs." — Reuters.

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BRITAIN INCREASES STRANGLEHOLD OF BLOCKADE

THE SIGNING OF AN Anglo-Turkish trade agreement was one of the most significant items in the news yesterday. Under this agreement, Britain will have a larger share in Turkey's markets, and the British Empire will become Turkey's chief customers.

The agreement is a smashing blow to the virtual monopoly in the Balkans which Germany had obtained by buying goods and not paying for them.

Turkey has large agricultural surpluses. In recent years, Germany has bought much of this on credit, and either not paid for them or forced on the Turks ship-loads of canaries and train-loads of aspirin.

Turkey was one of the first countries to resist this preliminary to German domination, and when Germany failed to pay cash restricted her exports. Germany still, however, got about half of her exports.

The agreement with Britain will completely alter the situation. Turkey will get machinery, railway equipment, cotton and wool.

Arrangements have already been made to ship locomotives and wagons, the delivery of which will once more prove Britain's mastery of the seas, as well as her ability to maintain her export trade even while a large part of her industry is making munitions. Turkey will gain a large market for her agricultural produce and certain minerals, and this trade will be on a healthy basis because it will not be on Germany's barter-system.

Special Account

Under the Anglo-Turkish agreement, the trade balance will be settled promptly by payments from a special account in sterling.

The political importance of the agreement needs no emphasis. Turkey once more expresses her determination to stick to her alliance with Britain, and her distrust of Germany and contempt for German trade methods.

The agreement will, furthermore, deprive Germany of badly needed supplies and, therefore, reinforce the strangulation of the British blockade.

In contrast with the Anglo-Turkish agreement is a pact by which Rumania is forced to buy German machinery and railway equipment at German prices. Rumanian products will also have their prices fixed by Berlin. — Reuter.

WIFE HIT HIM

A major, whose Italian born wife was stated to be in the habit of hitting him in the face with her fist and kicking him, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court on the ground of cruelty.

The wife did not defend the suit brought by the husband, Major Morgan Paget Evans.

Major and Mrs. Evans, who have no children, were married at Kashmir, India, in April, 1931. They came to England in 1935 and lived at Portsmouth.

The case for Major Evans was that his wife had a violent and hasty temper and her screaming tempers would sometimes go on all night. She used to strike him in the face with her fist and kick him.

At Portsmouth, in April, 1937, she threw a large champagne vase at him, hitting him and smashing it.

Mr. R. F. Bayford, K.C., for Major Evans, said he had arranged to make his wife an allowance.

SQUARE WRECKED NO ONE KILLED

NO ONE WAS KILLED AND NO ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN AN AERIAL TORPEDO CRASHED IN A SOUTH-EAST LONDON SQUARE WHERE ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE WERE EITHER TAKING SHELTER OR WERE IN TENEMENT HOUSES.

Some 400 people in underground shelters in the square escaped without a scratch, although the explosion occurred less than twenty yards from them. Fifty children, including babies, were sleeping in one part of the shelters.

The torpedo made a crater in the square, wrecked a public house, seriously damaged houses in the square and in adjoining streets, rendered many houses uninhabitable, blew people out of bed, or flung them from one room to another.

An hour after the explosion an elderly woman was found on the top floor of a house with a door blown on top of her—unhurt. A great hole gaped in the wall behind the chair in which she still sat.

Railings from a London square were found 150 yards away. They had been blown over the tops of houses.

watched. Soon the nose of the 'sub' came up and shot right out of the water. Then it plopped right down under the water. Looked as though she was broken in two. Anyhow, she was a goner."

BAGGED SIX U-BOATS

Six U-boats destroyed is the claim of sailors in the Canadian destroyer Restigouche, which brought off the last troops to go out of France and is now back in home waters.

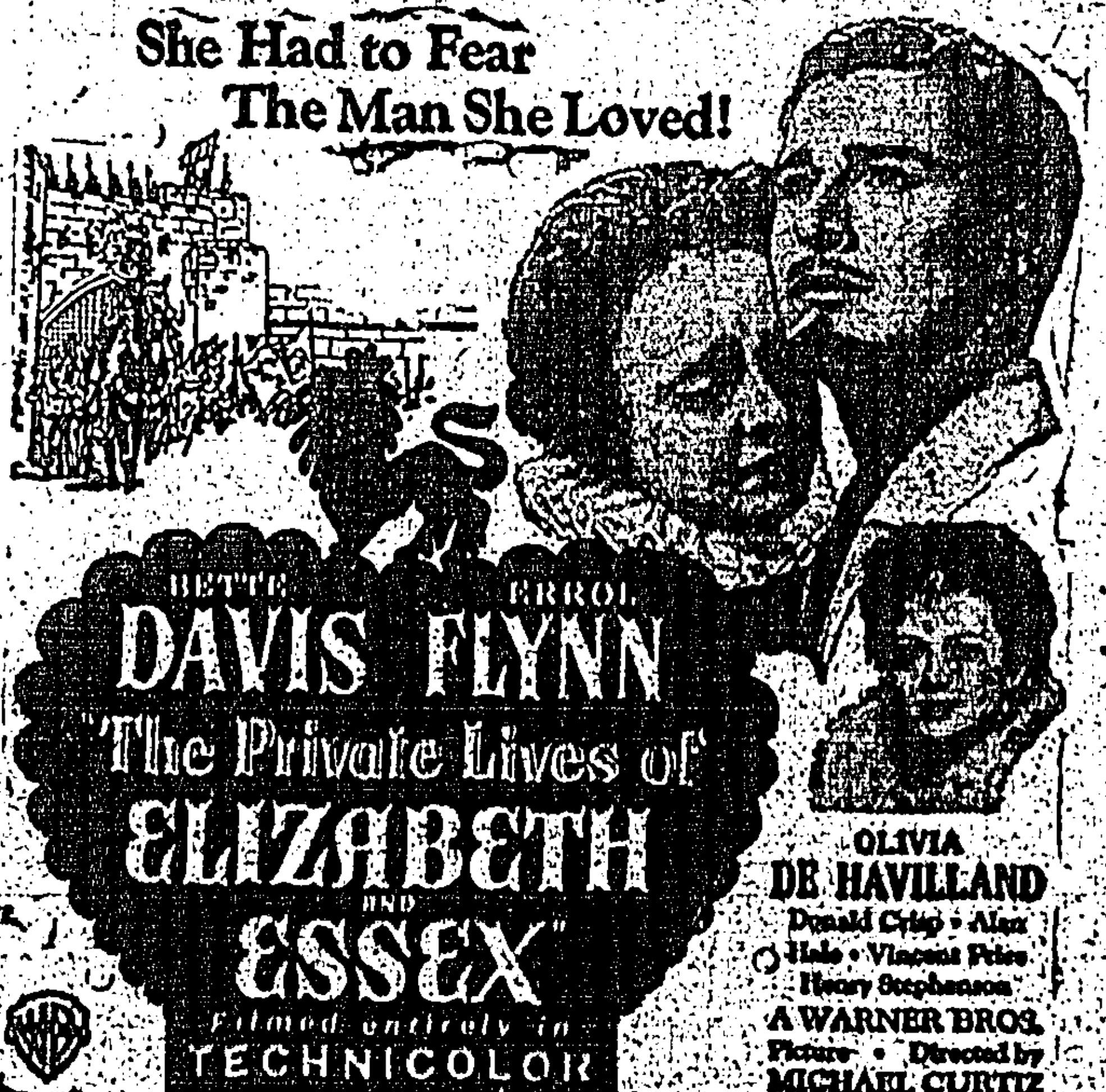
Rear-Admiral Stuart Bonham-Carter, Commander of the Third British Battle Squadron, referred directly to the men of the Restigouche and the men of a sister Canadian destroyer, the St. Laurent, when he told a Press conference that there had been no finer seamanship in the war.

"We got about six U-boats," said a member of the Restigouche crew. They didn't bother keeping count, but that was about the number the crew thought the ship had sunk. Of one he said: "We launched our pattern at her, and then

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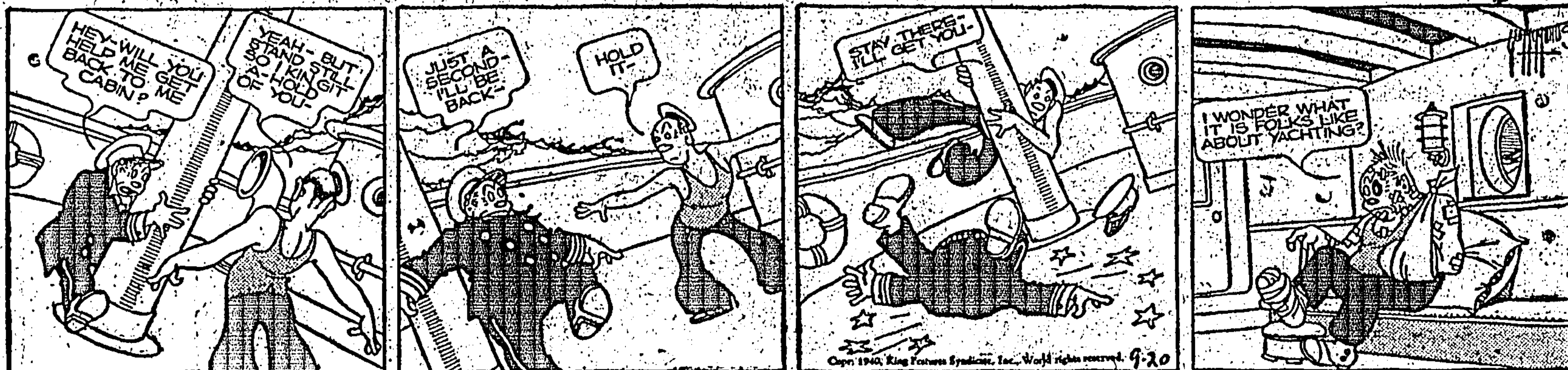
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LED JURY MADE LEGAL HISTORY

Mrs. Mabel Frances Clark, keeper of a small newsagent's and tobacconist's shop in Albany Street, Regent's Park, London has created legal history.

Summoned to serve on a jury at a case to be heard before the London Sessions, she was elected forewoman of the jury. No woman has never led a London Sessions jury before.

After the case was heard the chairman, Mr. W. Cockburn, complimented Mrs. Clark on the able way she had handled legal intricacies.

"I was surprised when we retired to choose our foreman and one of the jurymen said we wouldn't have a foreman, we'd have a forewoman," Mrs. Clark told a reporter.

"The case was one of receiving and took four hours. The evidence took a bit of following, but on the whole it was a matter of common sense. I wasn't a bit nervous."

BOMBS NEAR CHURCH DIDN'T STOP WEDDING

GUNFIRE DROWNED the responses of a couple being married in a centuries-old church at Ipswich. Then came the piercing whistles of three high explosive bombs, dropped by a single raider.

One, of heavy calibre, burst a few feet from the church porch. The building shook, windows were blown in and rubble strewn about the aisles.

The vicar leaned towards the bridegroom, asking in a whisper: "What would you like to do?"

The bridegroom, looked at his bride, saw her smile, and replied: "Carry on."

The wedding was that of Miss Gladys Garrard and Mr. Frank Harvey.

Outside two be-ribboned bridal cars were hurled against the wall of the church and buried in a pile of debris. A driver, sitting in one of them, was bruised, cut and badly shocked.

While A.R.P. workers worked to free the cars, which were towed away an hour later, the new Mrs. Harvey and her husband, unperturbed, posed at the church porch for photographs before inspecting the huge bomb crater.

Walk To Reception

Then arm in arm, the couple, followed by the guests, set out for the wedding reception, a couple of miles away on foot.

The bridal cars were to have taken two more local brides to their weddings.

Rumors carried the news that they were immobilised and the two best men found taxicabs to get both couples at their churches on time.

The scream of a bomb momentarily drowned the strains of the wedding march as another couple were walking down the aisle. Anti-aircraft shells burst and more bombs fell. The church shook and people caught in the street dived for the shelter of the church porch.

The bride kept smiling as she posed for wedding pictures—then burst into tears and collapsed.

CAROL'S FORTUNE

IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT WHILE HE WAS KING OF RUMANIA, CAROL WAS ALL TOO OFTEN IN HIS COUNTING HOUSE COUNTING OUT HIS MONEY, SAYS A CORRESPONDENT IN BUKAREST.

Financial scandals alleged to involve the ex-King are now being investigated by the new regime under General Antonescu, Prime Minister and Dictator.

These vast and tortuous transactions may take months to unravel. The strictest inquiry is to be made into the affairs of one bank which was forced to make transfers abroad despite the fact that such transfers are forbidden Rumanian citizens.

Carol it is declared used another bank for shadier private transactions.

The amount he accumulated abroad may well prove to be half-a-million sterling.

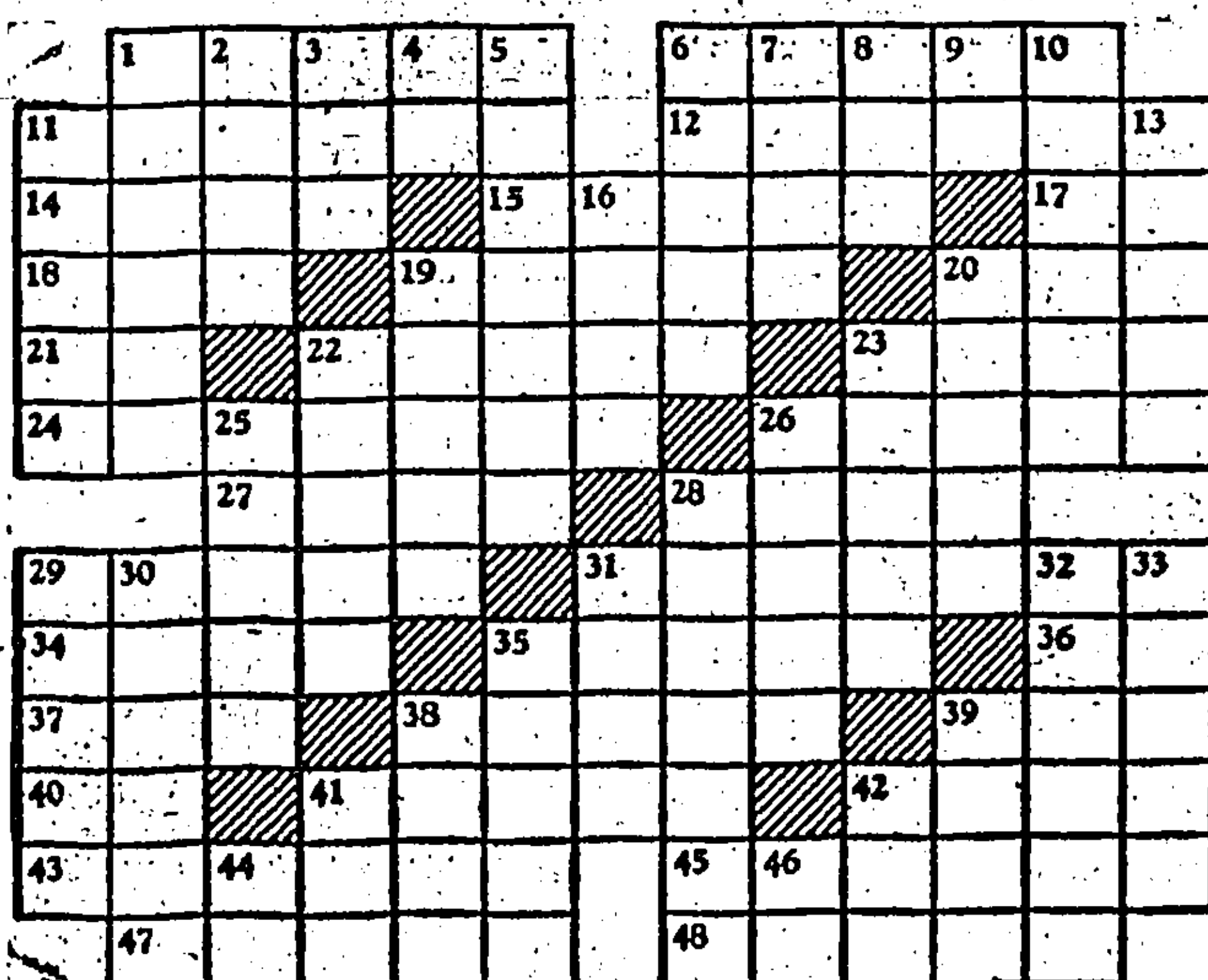
ACCUSED WANTS TO ATTEND WIFE'S FUNERAL

Mrs. Irene Clark, of Alan Close, Dartford, Kent, was found unconscious in an Anderson shelter.

Her husband, Cyril William Percy Clark, thirty, was charged on remand at Dartford with attempted murder by striking her with his fist.

Clark asked permission to attend his wife's funeral, as she had since died as the result of an air raid. He was told he should apply to the prison authorities and was again remanded in custody.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



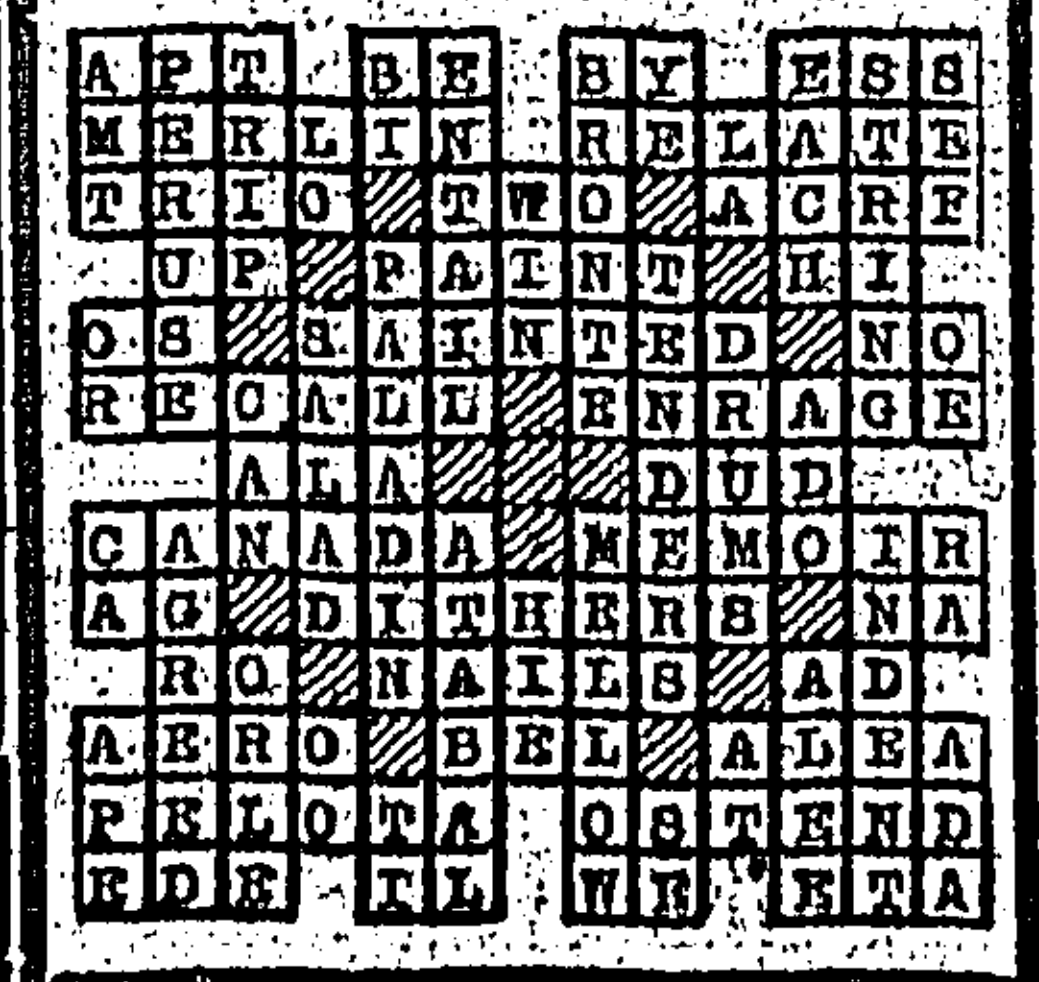
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 Principal organ of the body
 - 6 Opera stars
 - 11 Of a rich quality
 - 12 Prophecy
 - 14 Tagalog: to learn
 - 15 Splendor
 - 17 Teutonic deity
 - 18 Conducted
 - 19 Criminal
 - 20 A duet
 - 21 Italian article
 - 22 Cutting instrument
 - 23 Favourites
 - 24 Brought forward for consideration
 - 26 Tenth of one's property
 - 27 German river
 - 28 Head of the Catholic Church
 - 29 Disputes
 - 31 Commander of an army
 - 34 Precious stone
 - 35 Cossacks

- 36 Symbol for tellurium
- 37 Skill
- 38 Pretentious personage
- 39 Music: as written
- 40 Japanese money
- 41 Seized
- 42 Work
- 43 Shoulder of a bastion

- VERTICAL**
- 1 To announce publicly
 - 2 Ardour
 - 3 Completely
 - 4 Artificial language
 - 45 Antiseptic
 - 47 Devoured
 - 48 Mountain ridge

- 5 To draw out carefully
- 6 Grief
- 7 Persia
- 8 Large tub
- 9 Symbol for actinium
- 10 Detective
- 11 Girl's name
- 13 Eaten away
- 16 Lump of clay
- 19 Fronts
- 20 To hinder
- 22 Red
- 23 Musician
- 25 To distrust
- 26 Pertaining to sound
- 29 Flower with funnel-shaped leaves
- 30 Structure
- 31 Continent
- 32 British general
- 33 To adjust
- 34 Contract
- 35 Indication
- 36 Masculine
- 38 Pointed rod
- 41 Exclamation to check rashness
- 42 Foam
- 43 Molten lava
- 46 Conjunction

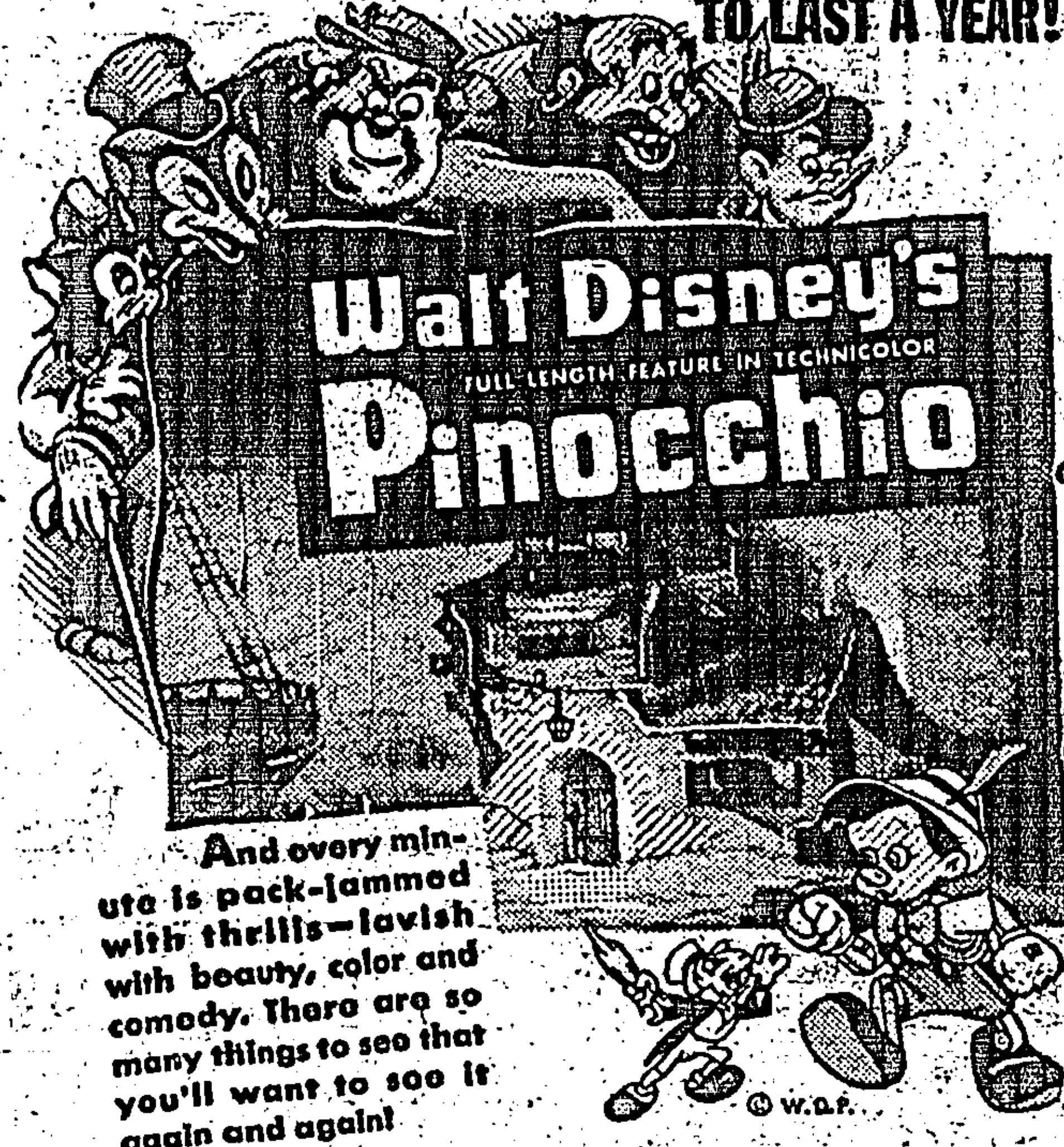
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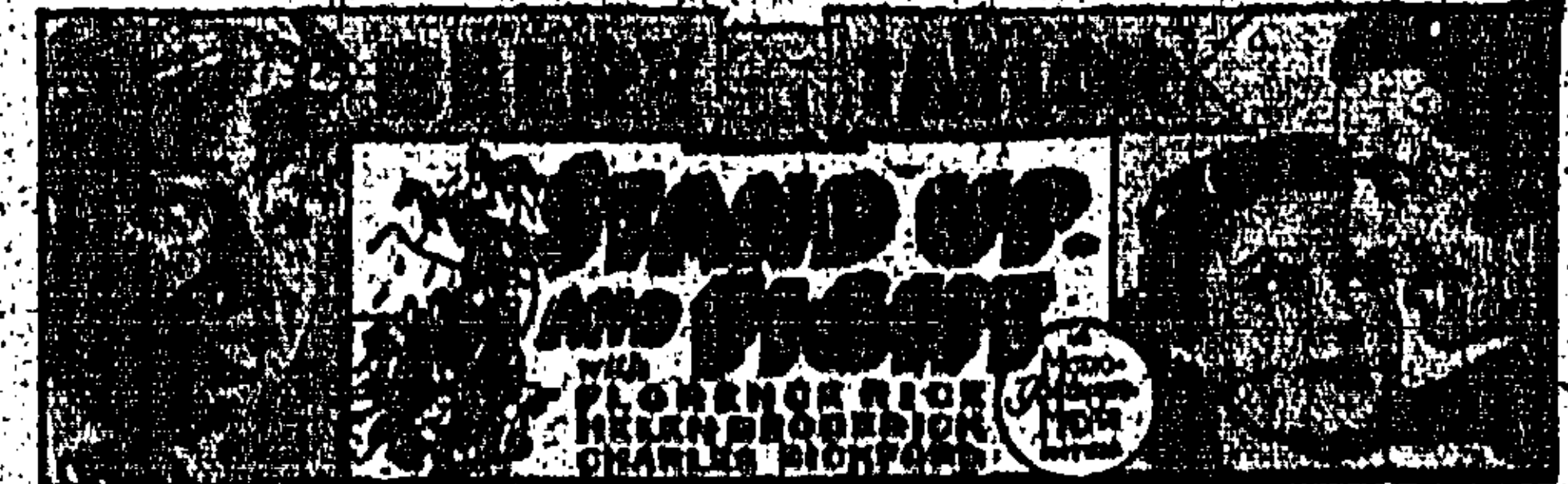
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Something new in diversion is "Citadel," a game of maneuvers recently introduced and which is winning favour with Hollywoodians particularly. The most recent convert is Mickey Rooney who is here shown trying to outwit M-G-M studio representative Les Peterson during an off-stage moment at Loew's State theatre in New York, where Mickey completed his series of personal appearances.

RAIDER SHOT DOWN INTO GROUNDS OF FACTORY

During one of the raids in the South-East of London a German bomber was shot down into the grounds of a factory. Installations were damaged.

There were few casualties as most of the workers had taken shelter.

The bomber is thought to have been shot down by the first salvo of shells from an A.A. battery.

BERLIN'S WEARY NIGHTS

When Berliners take to the few deep shelters they can find they cannot sleep; their nights are spent leaning against walls that are damp, in surroundings that are badly lighted.

This picture of raid nights in the German capital was given by American officials just arrived from the city.

R.A.F. raids, they say, caught the authorities completely unprepared as regards shelter accommodation.

Official Berlin was convinced that the R.A.F. would never be able to reach the city. As a result very few shelters were built of a permanent character.

One informant spent many hours in the city's shelter in the last few weeks.

All, he said, were uncomfortable and damp. Walls were newly whitewashed, causing bitter complaints. None had any sleeping accommodation.

Feeling The Pinch

Other observers say that Germany is again feeling the pinch in essential commodities — particularly rubber, and large numbers of new American motor-cars looted from the occupied countries are now used by the army.

An American Official from Portugal spoke of the position in Spain.

He said he had seen numerous uniformed German officers in different parts of Spain.

He described the economic conditions there as deplorable — business at stagnation, and a great scarcity of food.

The internal political situation, he said, is definitely unfavourable to any change of the present position.

LUCKY DOG

Thirty-six hours after a delayed-action bomb had destroyed a four-storey house in London, a dog, who had lived on the top floor, scrambled unharmed out of the heap of debris.

Its mistress, who, with other occupants, had been evacuated from the house, had to be restrained from going to get the dog, only five minutes before the bomb exploded.

And to the multiple stores which backed her for the establishment of similar services.

But she has no power to commandeer premises, even though they are available, or to obtain priority for the acquisition of the coal rations.

That is a job for Government initiative. It is the urgent duty of the Ministry of Food.

MODEL FEEDING CENTRE BUT IT'S UNOFFICIAL

A WORKMAN came into the feeding centre from a nearby war factory and said: "I'll have all you have got." The woman helper behind the service hatch gave him soup, "a strong man's portion" of meat and apple tart. It cost him 11d, writes a London reporter.

A procession of children came in from the nearby flats and collected the hot dinners for the families. In the playroom there were other children whose fathers and mothers were engaged in war work and who were being fed at the centre.

At nursery tables tots were having tuppenny stews. In the next room an old age pensioner who had had his dinner was helping to wash up.

Because of the morning air raid the demand on the feeding centre was heavy. The housewives had not managed to do their shopping and the alternative to using the centre was "hard tack" from their stores of emergency rations.

The workman who was one of dozens from the factories around had lost his home and his family was evacuated.

The centre was a godsend to him.

Meals For 600

Here I saw in action one of the new and, unfortunately, rare wartime feeding centres. It was unofficial. It was started six weeks ago as the spontaneous enterprise of a multiple store firm.

It was not a business venture, but a gesture of social service. It was an experiment intended to inspire or provoke the authorities to follow suit.

The head of the firm's welfare department had hunted around for weeks and had found a community centre in a North London housing estate. It was big enough to provide, in three relays, sitting down meals for 600. But 75 per cent. of the meals are collected to be eaten at home.

The centre is administered by a committee of housewives from the neighbouring block of working-class flats. One of the things they barred so that there should be no excuse for the old jibe — was fish and chips.

They have gone in for rich soups, wholesome stews and nourishing milk or fruit puddings. There is even a surreptitious cup of tea.

I could only eat the sixpenny portion because the strong man's

portion at 8d. was much too generous for me.

Even at such low prices the centre every day is showing a profit — despite the fact that the original voluntary workers have been replaced by paid workers.

The equipment cost \$250. That was intended as a gift, but on paper, at least, it will be paid off in a few months' time.

A second centre of this kind is being opened in a poor quarter of West London to-day.

My visit to the centre moved me both to admiration and to anger. I contrasted its efficiency with the neglect which prevails in battered East London and South London districts which I have visited.

I thought of that Dockland "Ypres" with its housing estate cut off by devastation from food and other supplies, of homeless workmen, and haggard A.R.P. wardens scrounging bread and cheese, and of raid victims who have not had a hot meal for days.

An Example

Here in this centre is a working example of what can be done — proof positive of the need and the practicability of communal feeding. It is not only a humanitarian service; it is important to our food supply.

A Distinguished Personage visited the centre the other day and complained — yes, complained — that eightpence was too little to charge munition workers for a meal. They are earning high wages, he said, and can afford to pay more.

"Why should they?" demanded the organiser, "when we can show a profit on the eightpence?" From all parts of London appeals are being made to the woman who organised this cen-



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STAGE DRESSING

The recognition of the Nanking Government by the Japanese is obviously a piece of stage dressing. Its object is to appease not China but the Japanese people who are heartily sick of this China incident.

Apart from the lure of Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies and the desirability of changing direction of effort, the Japanese feel that this costly adventure in China ought to be liquidated.

The nation has been well-nigh reduced to bankruptcy by the heavy expenditure on the war which has cost so much in life and wealth to Japan. That, however, would be tolerable if it brought any permanent territorial or economic gains. The Japanese army promised as the Germans did their countrymen, a short sharp profitable war and have now had to admit that they cannot carry out their promises. They are inextricably mixed up in China, with their vast armies, which cannot advance, and are finding it difficult to retreat. They proclaim that the terms they are offering are extremely generous, and furnish proof of their disinterested motives in invading and devastating the cities of China. It is quite obvious that this military experience has had a chastening effect upon Japan, since she has not only suffered economically but has had a severe military set back.

Nothing can disguise the fact that she has failed to realise her stated purpose in bringing China to her knees. What she has done is to set up a Quisling, but without having eliminated the real government.

The treaty of peace with China is meant to mark the end of the campaign and to convey the entirely wrong impression to the Japanese people that the new order in China has been established and that all that remains to be done is to clear up a certain amount of debris in the way of guerrillas and those who refuse to recognise the Nanking Government. The whole procedure is dishonest and childish, since Japan's task is not completed and never will be.

The real Chinese Government at Chungking has just been assured of American cooperation and financial assistance. The Burma Road is open and the Chinese armies more active than ever before.

If it were a real treaty of peace marking the conclusion of hostilities, then Japan would cease fighting and bombing cities and leave the pacification of China to Wang Ching-wei. Everyone knows what would happen in a month if she did so. The Nanking government cannot stand on its own feet, it must be supported and hedged round by Japanese bayonets.

The treaty of peace then is a sham and a piece of hypocrisy, but it will probably deceive the Japanese people and will facilitate the withdrawal of some Japanese troops from the interior.

All that Japan wants and always did want is a weak disunited China. When the Chinese closed their ranks under General Chiang Kai-shek, Japan stepped in and provided the destructive force, now she seeks to step out, hoping that she will leave China once more for an indefinite period in a state of civil war.

Her wishes may be realised but only for a short time, seeing that her recent adventure has strengthened and consolidated the free people of China and those who seek to be free. That of course comprises the whole nation.

It is obvious that in the course of a year or two with the growing power of the nations that oppose her policy that Japan's retreat will be as rapid as her advance has been.

Japanese policy has been deplorable from the point of view of her own interests in recent years.

She banked on the isolationism of the United States, the preoccupation of Britain in Europe, the help of Italy and of Germany. Her adherence to the Axis gain-

R.A.F. Wakes Hitler

From A Dream Of Conquest

By
Warren Irvin

The Air War Over Britain, newest phase of the European conflict, is clearly destined to have an important effect on the outcome.

In this article, an accredited neutral observer discusses the facts so far, the prospects, and the implications of this great struggle.

The amazing success of the Royal Air Force in smashing the recent raids on Britain should not be permitted to engender overconfidence. The war in the air has not yet been won. Other, and more intensive raids, are almost sure to follow. Germany's air losses, though considerable, have not materially reduced the strength of her aviation. She still has vast reserves; and, when an opportune moment arrives, can be expected to throw them into the balance with utter disregard for planes and men alike. That is the German method.

But, at the same time, there can be no doubt as to the importance of the R.A.F.'s achievement. Here, as at Dunkirk, British planes and British pilots again have demonstrated their superiority—a superiority which should become more and more marked as the war progresses.

Not only have they rendered invaluable service in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the world; they have also dealt another blow to German morale. That morale, already at the 1917 level, is likely to be one of the deciding factors in the present war.

It is for this reason that I believe the most important result of the work of the Royal Air Force in the recent raids on Britain, has been its effect upon German plans for the invasion of England. Many people, I know, do not believe that Hitler intends, or ever intended, to invade Great Britain.

I do not share this view. Eight months of wartime experience in Germany have convinced me that when the Nazis boasted they would be in London by August 15th they fully expected to be.

Another winter of war is not a pleasing prospect for the German people. Memories of the last winter are still too fresh in their minds; memories of hunger and hardship, of privation, poverty and suffering; of shivering thousands from the poorer sections of the big cities crowding into railway stations in an effort to get warm.

If Germany hopes to win this war, she must conquer Britain, quickly and completely. But how she can attempt to do so; how she can even envisage an invasion, without mastery in the air, I do not see. Nor do I believe that Hitler does. And the Royal Air Force has proved conclusively that Germany, despite numerical superi-

ed for her no help; but antagonised a powerful neighbour. The signing of this pact was of the greatest assistance to Britain as it galvanised the American armament industry into life. It provided the stimulus that was lacking and crystallised the world position of the great nations.

With regard to the future not many statesmen would look for any kind of support from Italy, the nation which sold Chinese aeronautical plans to Japan, seeing that her position in the Mediterranean is now precarious.

Japan has made it plain in her so-called treaty with Nanking that her policy is to eliminate Russian influence from China. She can hardly hope therefore to get free from the fear of Russia on her northern border. Germany has men and material but she is shut in and cannot hope to get control of the highways of the ocean.

A Japanese statesman who surveys the world situation at the moment must be extremely disturbed in mind. Local temporary success he may have here and there, but nemesis is not very far off.

ority, is far from enjoying mastery in the air.

They Found No Weak Spot

The object of the recent raids is fairly obvious. There appears to be no question but that they were designed to feel out the strength of the British defences; to find, if

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possible, a weak spot, which could be made the focal point of attack. Had such a spot been detected, mass assaults, with thousands of planes participating, probably would have followed; and would have been accompanied by invasions from sea and air in the best "blitz" fashion known to German technique.

But with each passing, the likelihood of such an invasion becomes more and more improbable. By Autumn it may be too late; by Spring it may be impossible.

German aircraft production has not only reached its peak; it is under forced draught. All available workers are being employed.

True, Germany now has at her disposal the aircraft factories of France. But she hasn't the men to operate them, unless she uses French workers, and that can only be done at the risk of sabotage.

I don't know exactly how many planes the Germans have. Officials of the Propaganda Ministry assured me they had 30,000 at the beginning of the war. That, I think is an exaggeration. My guess would be around 20,000, including commercial craft and training planes. But even then, I doubt if

the number of first-line German warplanes exceeds 6,000.

Germany's Lost Machines And Men

From reliable German sources I know that about 600 German planes were destroyed in the Polish campaign. Losses in Norway probably did not exceed 200, and may have been considerably less. In Holland, Belgium and France—including the action at Dunkirk—the Germans may have lost another 1,500; and I believe their losses, in and around the British Isles since the start of the war, are somewhere in the neighbourhood of 1,300.

So far as the planes are concerned, these losses, while considerable, are not necessarily serious. They may have been compensated by new construction. But the pilots are not so easily replaced as the planes. That is another matter.

Germany is none too well supplied with pilots—fighter pilots in particular. Young men are needed for this work; but young Nazis don't make the best pilots. They have been too regimented; their individuality has been stifled; they are not accustomed to thinking for themselves. And while they may perform brilliantly against undefended towns and helpless civilians, their ardour quickly cools when confronted by pilots of superior skill and courage.

Hence, as regards the future, the odds are all in Britain's favour. British aircraft production is rising steadily; and it has behind it the production of the United States, which also is making appreciable strides. Against these, Germany cannot hope to compete. It is only a question of time when even numerical superiority in the air must pass to the Allied side; numerical superiority in pilots, as well as planes, because Britain can continue to draw pilots from the Dominions in addition to those supplied by the United Kingdom.

The Immediate Position

But these are matters that concern the future, and we are living in the present. I have already said

that I believed the most important result of the recent raids was the effect upon invasion plans; and have pointed out that this is bound to influence the German morale.

I know that it is the German custom to minimise their own losses, while exaggerating the losses on the other side.

Years of experience as a newspaper correspondent have made me somewhat sceptical of official figures. When I was in Germany, we found that while the communications of the German High Command were fairly truthful, so far as the land forces were concerned, the German Navy and the German Air Force were given to gross exaggeration. The reason, we thought, was that the Air Force and the Navy did not have the same traditions behind them as the Army.

Since I have come to Britain, I have checked carefully on Royal Air Force figures, and I have reached the conclusion that when it errs, the R.A.F. generally errs on the other side.

British Conservatism

Not so long ago I met a British major, in charge of a control station, who showed me the figures he had tabulated for his group. One one particular day, when official figures on German losses gave only 144 for all the British Isles, the major's figures showed that his group alone had accounted for 168 German planes.

Of course it is possible that some of the pilots in this group may have been stretching things a bit. But then it's also possible that some of them may have been over-modest, like one R.A.F. pilot of whom I heard recently.

He took off alone from his field to attack five Nazi raiders, and when he returned, reported that he had brought down two.

"How do you know you brought them down?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, "I saw one drop completely out of control, and I saw another crash into the sea."

"And what of the three others?" his commanding officer wanted to know.

"Oh," replied the pilot. "I couldn't see them. They were all in little bits and pieces."

Japanese Nearsightedness



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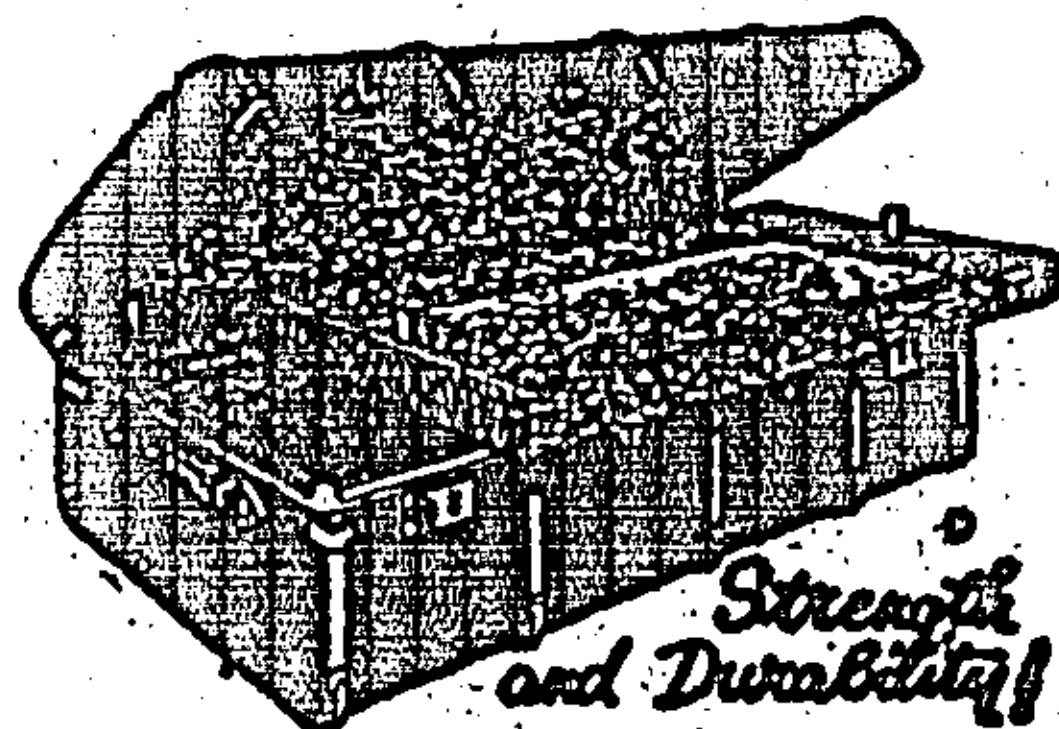
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ITALIANS RETREAT TOWARDS ALBANIAN COASTLINE

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The Italian retreat appears to be facing a general westwards direction and this is regarded by informed military observers in Athens as far more important than the capture of individual small towns and villages.

Most of the towns occupied by the Greeks so far have been theirs before the troops actually invested them. Hence the importance of the Greek thrust up the Viosa Valley beyond Premeti along the road to Klisura.

The Italians are retiring as rapidly as possible on Chimara, a port on the Albanian coast some 30 miles north of Santi Quaranta.

Vigorous fighting by infantry and artillery has taken place in the past 48 hours in the neighbourhood of Argyrokastron.

The British and Greek air forces have been participating actively, bombing enemy concentrations, mechanised columns, barracks and encampments.

Keeping Them On The Run

The Greek troops are fighting with terrific energy and enthusiasm. Keeping the enemy on the run at all costs seems to be their plan.

Especially is this true in the north, near Podgradetz, where additional regions fell into Greek hands yesterday.

Instead of resting after the capture of Podgradetz they preferred to go on fighting, accepting a stiff struggle in a movement which may be expected to bring

them to the source of the Skumbi River.

Left Wing Carries On

This, together with moves to the west and north-west from the region of Moshkopolis, is keeping the entire left wing without rest, but reserves of willingness on the part of the troops seem boundless. They have complete faith in their cause.—Reuter.

SHATIN ROAD MOTOR ACCIDENT

Mr. J. S. Dinnen, overseer in the Public Works Department, was involved in a motorcar accident yesterday afternoon.

Driving from Shatin to Kowloon, near Shatin Station, he ran into two Chinese girls, aged 15 and 5 years, respectively. The elder girl was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. The child escaped with slight scratches.

BIG CREDIT FOR ARGENTINA

A \$100,000,000 credit is being planned for Argentina by the United States Treasury and the Export and Import Bank, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, announced in Washington yesterday.

He added this total included \$50 million from the Treasury's Stabilisation Fund to stabilise the dollar-peso exchange rate.—Reuter.

RUMANIA WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Need of oil is the most urgent problem confronting the Axis, and it is certain that it was one of the subjects discussed at the Brenner meeting between Hitler and Mussolini, and that reports of German military activity in the Rumanian oilfields are a sequel to that meeting.

Since the outbreak of war Germany has been pressing Rumania to send her more and more oil. Six months ago Rumanian mineral oil exports to the United Kingdom amounted to 122,500 metric tons, as against 44,700 metric tons to Great Germany. Those are the figures for March of this year.

At the beginning of 1940 Germany and Rumania signed a trade protocol in which Rumania undertook to supply Germany with 1,700,000 tons of oil this year. But it was authoritatively estimated last May that, excluding the arrears which Rumania had promised to make up, a balance remained of rather more than 1,368,000 tons to be shipped to Germany in eight months.

Doubtless, Rumania has failed to step-up her oil production sufficiently to satisfy Hitler's demands—and so he has stepped in.

But if Hitler "grabs the lot," it will by no means solve his oil problem.

Germany's peace-time oil consumption was 2,000,000 tons more than Rumania's total oil production, which has been steadily declining for years.

And it is most unlikely that the Nazis can move more than a quarter of Rumania's total oil production into Germany, even with Stalin's permission to convey it across territory controlled by Russia.

Another oil transporting route is, of course, the Danube; but that river's oil transport capacity is estimated at not more than 600,000 tons a year.

BADMINTON CHAMPION LOSES FORM

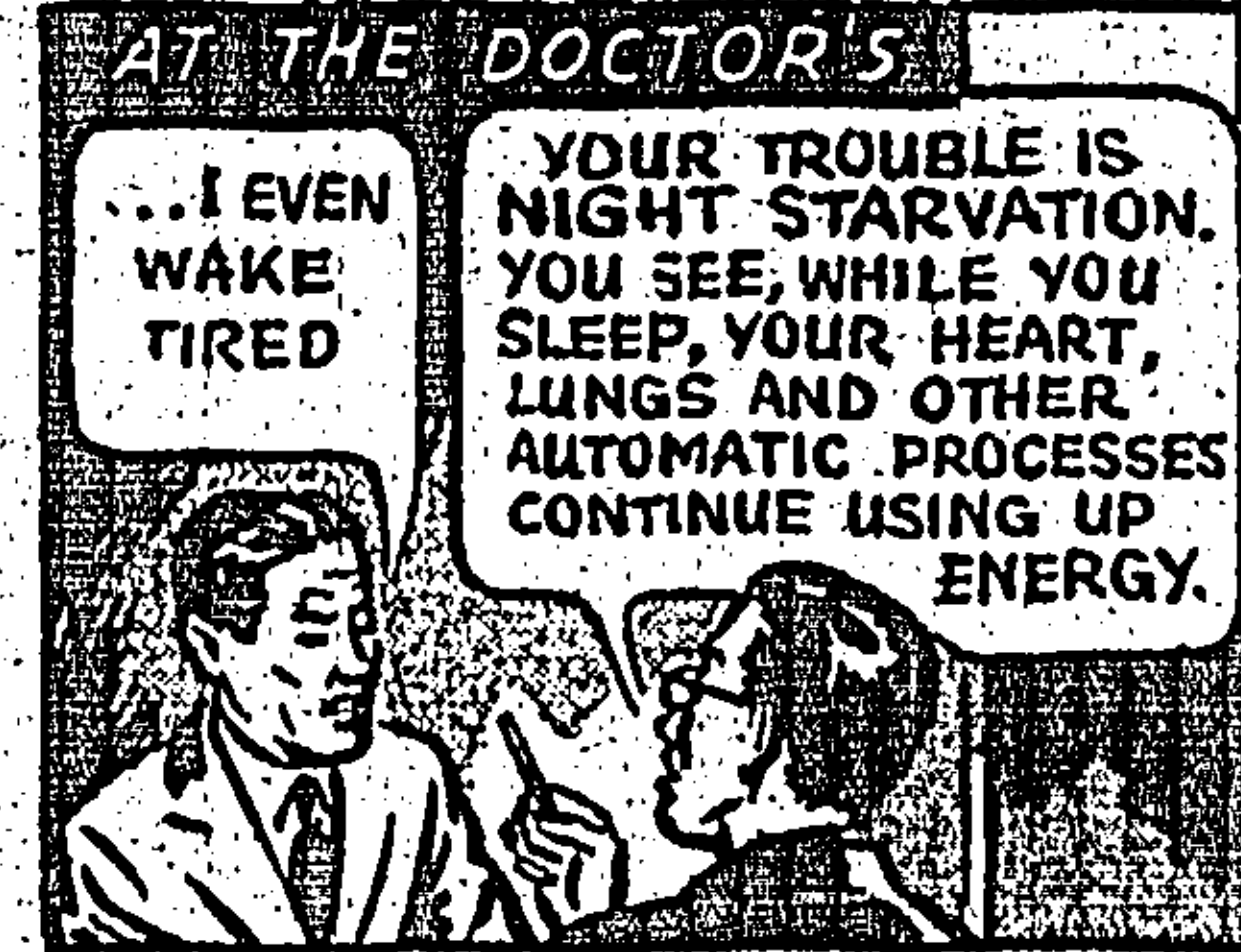


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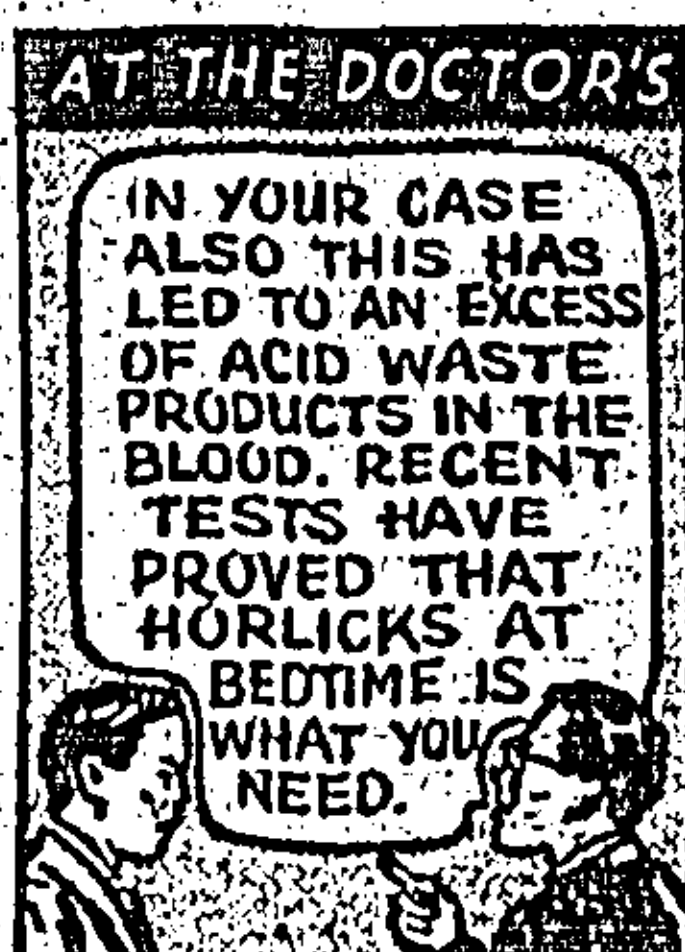
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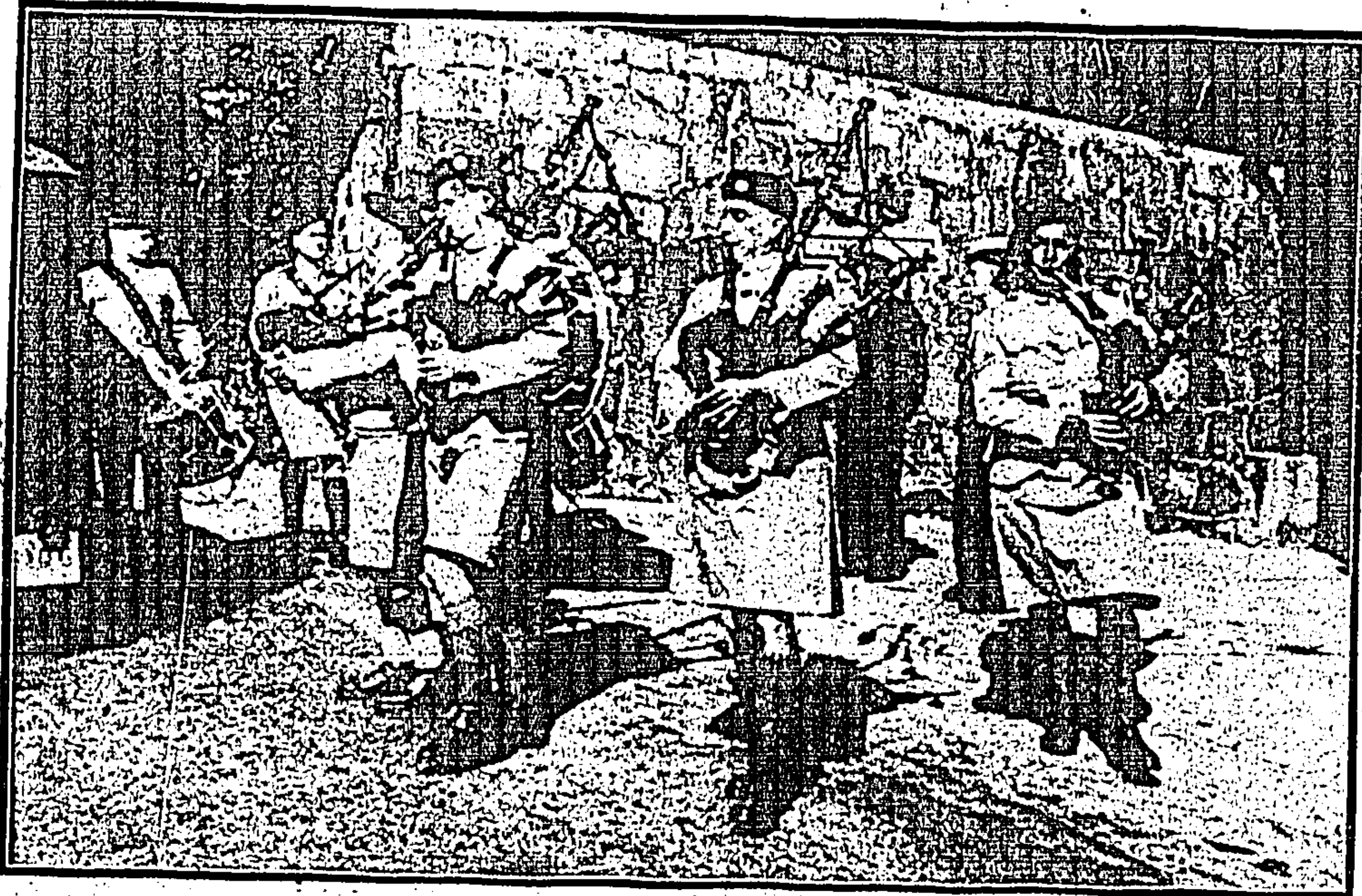
St. Andrew's Day Celebration



The wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph last Saturday by members of St. Andrew's Society, headed by Messrs. B. Wylie and J. F. McGregor.



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, attended the special St. Andrew's Day Service at the Union Church last Sunday.



The H.K.V.D.C. pipers at last Sunday's St. Andrew's Day service held in the Union Church.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mr. A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty), Admiral Sir Dudley Pound (First Sea Lord), General Sir Alan Brooke, (C. in C. Home Forces) and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, paid a recent visit to Southern and Eastern defences, recently. Photo shows in the foreground, General Sir Alan Brooke, General Sir John Dill and Major-General Wardle. (Copyright, Fox).

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SHORT STORY

It Is Easier For A Camel By URSULA BLOOM

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," read the parson a trifle pompously. He wasn't a rich man. He could gloat over the misfortunes of rich men, although covetously-minded towards their comforts.

In her pew, Gay watched him. She wasn't rich either, which was also comforting. Yesterday she had gone mad. Yesterday she had had a comfortable little nest egg in the bank, something which she had scraped and saved for, for her whole twenty-four years of life. All her luxuries scooped up and set inside a little brown bank book yielding two and a half per cent. "And," as she told herself, "a fat lot of good two and a half per cent is to anyone!"

So she had gone mad. She did not know what had happened, but the sunshine of a mad May morning had gone to her head. Or was it the poster outside Charing Cross station? A poster of a ruined Colonnade with a wistaria drooping about it, and a volcano in the distance. See Naples and die! In her case, See Naples and go bust! Gloriously bust.

It is a very short step from Charing Cross to Cockspur Street, and in the shipping offices there there are suave young men with patent leather hair and unctuous manners. Before she had realised the truth of her intention, she had committed herself. Instead of the usual holiday to Babbacombe, to the Cornish Riviera in flush years, or the East Coast in less opulent seasons, she was going to the Mediterranean. She was going to

Naples, and then go bust!

She informed the family at lunch. They were the old-fashioned family who always had roast beef and Yorkshire, followed by fruit and custard or an apple Charlotte. Mum and Dad had very nice minds, and they had started the post office savings account on the day that they had carried Gay to her christening. They believed in Babbacombe and the Cornish Riviera and the East coast. They thought all kinds of peculiar things happened abroad, never appreciating that Gay was aching for something to happen, just anything.

She broke it to them with the apple Charlotte.

"But it is madness," said Father.

"Your whole savings? What will you do for a trousseau?" asked Mother.

"I'm not engaged. Before I get the trousseau, I have got to get the man. Like this I might even get the man."

"Husband-hunting?" boomed father, bitterly hurt at the suggestion.

After that nobody had any appetite for the apple Charlotte, and it was returned to the kitchen; whereupon the cook turned sulky and said she did not know what some people DID want.

In ten days Gay would be sailing for the Mediterranean. It would mean a chance. It would mean opportunity, and she could spend the few pounds that she had over from her savings on a trousseau. Lunch hours became wild searches in shops. Father and mother grew cold with apprehension, and then two days before she

started for the holiday, Mr. James sent for her to his office. He was large and opulent. He was undoubtedly the rich man. Not a bad sort, of course, always very kind to the girls, but pompous. He explained to Gay quite calmly what had happened, they were cutting down staff and they were making several changes.

Gay was one of the changes.

When that sort of thing happens, you realise in one fell swoop how wise are the parents who start you in life with a bank balance, and how utterly feckless are the children who throw the whole lot away on one glorious blind in the hopes that something will turn up.

She must have been quite dotty.

"I'm sorry," said Mr. James, and he looked to be genuinely sorry about it. "I would not have had it for the world, but my hands are tied. I will do everything to get you another job, a good job. You may rely on me."

And all the time she wanted to cry. She wanted to confess that she had behaved crazily and that she did not know what to do next. She dare not tell them at home. Mother would button up her mouth and become reserved. Father would have no compunction in saying, "I told you so."

When she started from Victoria the next day in her new blue cruising outfit, with the little white cap stuck jauntily on golden curls and the white handbag to match with three flags in the form of a signal in the corner (what sort of a signal she had no idea!) she felt mouldy.

The train was labelled "Mediterranean Cruise" which should have been satisfying enough. It sped through the country towards the sea. All the while, she was thinking, "I'll have to meet somebody on this cruise, somebody or other, or I'll go mad." And it was a grim irony of fate that she was wishing herself anywhere in the world save where she was.

A young man sat opposite. He had grave grey eyes and kinky dark hair. He wore gay clothes and he laughed across at her. "Like the window open?" he asked.

"The window's all right."

"I just thought . . ." and then, "My name is Keith Dorne, and we are going to be travelling companions. Or should I say ship mates? I have not got the nautical lingo yet. It's going to be fun, isn't it, though you look like a sick headache."

She did not know why she told him. Mother had always said never speak to strangers, but somehow when you are starting on a cruise that sort of thing does not apply. Not to Gay, anyway.

"Gee, if that isn't a slice of darned hard luck," said he. "I've done much the same thing, only I've got a job, leastways a bit of a job. I'm an artist. I paint things for magazines, and had a lucky deal, hence Naples."

"See Naples, and die," said she. "Not at all. Generally you see it and come back to murky old London and dream about it for ever, I bet. I'm going to enjoy this whatever happens."

She brightened considerably. He was a nice cheery person. Twenty-seven he said, had had lots of ups and downs, and very lucky breaks,

but he thought that the cruise to Naples was the most glamorous and glorious thing that had ever happened to him.

He helped her with the suit case up the gangway to the ship. A great white ship, with her stewards lined up along spruce decks, and an eager air of expectancy about her, and of apprehension. Crowds surged up the gangway. They chattered and complained, or chattered and laughed.

"I went to Madeira last year. All those toboggans and things, you can't sit down afterwards. Honestly, you can't. So awkward."

"I went to the Fjords last time. Wonderful, oh yes, quite wonderful, and I met a man who said . . ."

"It was an awful cruise. The stewards were frightful and the officers lousy. I went to bed every night at nine. Not my idea of a successful cruise. Never again. I always say never again, and yet here I am."

And at the very top of the gangway was a large fatted man, with money written all over him. He wore spotless white flannels and a dark blue blazer, with binoculars dangling from a very new leather strap. He had a panama on his head and he was arguing with a steward about his cabin. He didn't like his cabin. He had paid top price for the best and if this was their best, he would like to see what their worst was. If you paid for comfort, comfort you expected to have. As Gay trooped on board with Keith at her side, she saw suddenly that the large rich man was Mr. James.

He recognised her at the same moment. "YOU?" said Mr. James. "Why, I thought that you were . . ."

She knew the idea that flashed through his mind. He thought that she ought not to have spent the money and unfortunately he was quite right. She ought to have kept the little brown bank book and her luxuries inside covers for every year until she was too old to do any more.

"You are doing here?" Mr. James, ignoring Keith.

Keith bowed in. "Give me your ticket and I'll see the old hat box into the cabin," said he. "Meet you later," and off he went with it.

"Who is that person?" asked Mr. James.

Gay told Mr. James exactly what had happened. She had ventured on to the cruise before she had known that she was to have the sack. She had committed herself and there was no going back. When she got home she would be looking for a job, unless of course, but she hastily brushed over that idea. In three weeks at sea a great deal can happen, as everybody knows. She had met Keith in the train, and he was being very helpful, she felt lonely of course and a little strange, she had never been further than the Isle of Wight before, and the Isle of Wight is very much like everywhere else. Naples would be different, she imagined.

Mr. James patted her hand. He said, "I'll see after you. I will get you fixed up at my table, and I'll see that you enjoy yourself."

It was peculiar that all the way down in the train Gay had been saying to herself, "Oh, if only I knew somebody on board," and now when she did know somebody on board she felt that strangers were preferable. She had always liked Mr. James, but she was afraid of him.

"Oh, you mustn't feel that way," said he a little later, "we are outside the office now. Just friends. You will see that this is going to be fun." The stewards band played "Auld lang syne!" There were rainbow streamers linking them to the quay, and then the ship passed slowly out to sea like a great white bird on the face of the water.

"Who is that sticky old chap you've picked up?" asked Keith that first night, when they stood against the taffrail talking, while the others danced on deck.

"He was my boss in the office."

"Rich?"

"Awfully, I should think."

"And got a pash on you?" He said it with a proprietary note, for at sea the world moves swiftly.

"Oh no, he never noticed me much before, except to blow me up for my typing. I don't know why he is noticing me now."

"I do. Shall I tell you?"

"I'd rather you didn't."

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was becoming, and the jade sash about her hips was a vigorous contrast to it. She knew that she looked her best. She would try to put the return to England out of her mind, she would try only to remember that this was her holiday, the one wild holiday of her life and that nothing mattered beside it.

Next day was Sunday.

They had the same old text in the service held in the dining saloon. "It is easier for a camel." When you came to think about it, it was rather a foolish text, and Gay felt that she was sorry for Mr. James. Mr. James was obviously the rich man, who would find it a little awkward getting through the Heavenly turnstile. And he had such good qualities.

All through the Bay she played Quoits and Deck Tennis, and Bull-ball, and forgot that there was such a thing as being jobless. In Gibraltar, Mr. James took her ashore. He knew Gibraltar. He helped her into a carozzi and they trotted up the Main street with a jangle of bells. They walked in the Alameda with the most heavenly scent of blossom, and the sound of a hurdy-gurdy grinding out a tango. They talked of everything save the office. And at one of the Indian shops, where swarthy-faced men peer out from behind Spanish shawls and Morocco leather, he bought her a bottle of perfume as a souvenir.

"Everybody buys perfume in Gibraltar," he said, and he choose a heady one in an enormous black bottle, and he beat the man down over the price.

Gay had never seen anybody beaten down before. She sat on a leather pouffe, and she drank ex-cruciatingly strong coffee and she watched with wonder at the way Mr. James said that he would not pay that amount and advanced sixpence by sixpence on his original offer, while the Indian came down, shilling by shilling from the price which he had stated would leave him a ruined man. Then they got into another carozzi, and drove for the wharf. Everybody was hurrying back to the tender with huge bunches of flowers. Great fat roses, and lilies, freesias in long fragile sprays, stocks with their clove essence.

"How lovely they look," she said wistfully.

Mr. James patted her hand. "But they don't last! Any old hand at cruising would tell you that Mediterranean flowers are the worst investment. Gone before you sail."

As she struggled back on board with the black bottle of perfume, she saw Keith. He had an enormous bunch of red roses. "For your cabin," he said.

She filled the cabin with them, and by a grim irony, they lasted for three whole days, whereas the black bottle poised on the dressing-table unfortunately became restive with the heaving of the ship, and rolled on to the floor and was smashed to atoms. Gay decided that it was a positively sickening scent when you had to live with it in abundance until you could have the port open again for calmer seas!

When she went up on deck after a nice long lie-down through a sea which was horribly inclined towards choppiness, she found that Mr. James was awaiting her.

"There is nothing like champagne for seasickness," said Mr. James, and he ordered her some. He had fixed a little table in a sheltered corner of the deck away from the crowd. He was kindly and fatherly. He said the sort of things that she had never expected a man like Mr. James could say, and she came to the conclusion that either she had fallen asleep and dreamt all this, or that she had been seasick and it was one of the unpleasant effects.

Or wasn't it unpleasant?

Mr. James had much to commend him. He was kind, he was generous. He was talking glowingly about the cruelty of the firm that had sacked her, and how much he wanted to help her, though in exactly what way he did not say. He had always noticed what a charming girl she was. He had always thought that she had a way with her.

And a great many more other things.

"It's sea fever," she told herself, "it would have been any girl he had met. Just sea fever."

The champagne had a very brightening effect on her outlook. When she left Mr. James she felt almost herself, and half way down the companion she met Keith. He

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Without waiting even to fling off their helmets and parachute harness, the pilots make their combat reports to the Intelligence Officers, then retire into their duty huts.

All except two, whose slight wounds are receiving treatment by the Medical Officer, and three others for whom this was their fourth fight that day, are ordered to stand by for an hour.

I was waiting at the hut when red section came in, hot and dishevelled but unscarred . . . a flying officer, a pilot officer, a sergeant pilot. I'd already learned they are a crack trio.

Record Of Prowess

The flying officer, Dominion-born and a former Auxiliary Air Force man, is in his mid-twenties, and the high spot in his record is a score of five bombers and a fighter in two days.

The pilot officer, from Surrey, began as a Volunteer Reserve sergeant, still looks a little more than an overgrown schoolboy at 22, but is old enough to have accounted for eleven of the enemy in not many more than that number of fighting days.

Once he downed two when he was one of a flight of six opposed by forty Germans.

The sergeant pilot, nearing thirty and formerly a Midlands engineer, with a wife to share his glories, put paid in one week to twelve Nazis who got in his way.

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They are glad to strip off their helmets and harness, though their warm flying kit, "Mae West" life-saving jackets and fur-lined boots

must stay on.

The flying officer sinks down in an easy chair, within arm's reach of a telephone. The sergeant pilot follows suit. The pilot officer sprawls himself out on the "biscuits" of an iron chair-bed.

The ping-pong, the darts, the chess and draughts, the wireless, the crosswords, the books and magazines—all inevitable features of this hut life—can wait till later on. After three fights in a day, the last extending over an hour, even supermen need a breather and a refresher.

A waiter, without being told, brings in a steaming pot of tea, bread and butter, fried ham and eggs. Iced minerals are there, too, if they prefer them.

No alcohol, of course, passes the door of a duty hut; neither, in the pilots' own interest, do they desire it. At any moment that telephone may go again, or that loud speaker within earshot may speak once more, giving the order for the fourth time since breakfast, "Red section take off! Enemy aircraft approaching from

The squadron leader, who has just heard from Intelligence at the Ops. Room the full news of the last fight, looks in on the tea party.

Story Of The Battle

"Grand work, boys! Your four are confirmed. Yellow got a couple of Junkers. Blue two more. Green three 110's.

Dirty fighters, they machine-gunned young Robbie as he parachuted down. Good boy. We'll get 'em for that. Johnnie and Charlie got in the way of the 110 cannon stuff before they could close in, but made perfect landings. Johnnie near the old church on the hill. Charlie on the mead. Marvel how he missed those cows.

"Eleven losses to one. Keep it up. All of you O.K. for another half hour?"

"O.K., sir" they chorused.

"We'll give 'em one for Robbie."

"Cheerio. Must drop in on Green," added the squadron leader.

"Think the youngster there needs a break, but won't say so. Andy, I mean. The M.O.'s asked me what I think. Notice anything strange about the boy?"

"Gone suddenly off his thrills," replied the flying officer.

knowingly. "Now keen on long walks—when there's time!"

"Yes, I thought so," the squadron leader mused to himself as he departed, wondering what excuse he could find for giving Andy a fortnight's leave.

"Got in a hot spot the other afternoon. Dropped a bit behind. Ten Jerrys had him to themselves. Engine shot out of action. Parachute drop from low height. Nasty landing. Touch of 'nerve.' Won't ever admit it."

The leader, father of his squadron, and the Medical Officer watch over their boys with psychologist's eyes. They have to. The team spirit makes pilots reluctant to take a well-earned rest.

But their leader and the M.O. know what to look for. Close

By
JOHN CASHIEL

study has shown that the boy who goes from thrillers to long walks needs a break. It is a sure sign, this sudden change from armchair relaxation to physical activity, from one habit to its opposite.

The same firmness is often necessary with wounded men who insist on going up again before their injury has even been dressed, and with night fighters who want to be included in next morning's dawn patrol.

Red section's tough crack trio in the duty hut, and dozens more like them at this station have been on the job for twenty-four hours a day seven days a week for weeks past, and some days they have spent far more time in the air than in stand-by and off-duty periods.

Red's flying-officer on one occasion fought five fights in twenty-four hours, the last time taking over the controls of a new machine at a moment's notice, because his own had been damaged.

He made light of my comment that surely every machine has its tricks and needs getting used to. "One Hurricane," he replied, "is as good as another. . . ."

The clock on a deal table ticks away. Five minutes more and another section takes over.

A roar of engines comes from

outside and a hurricane wind blows through the doorway, sweeping a crossword puzzle off the knee of the sergeant pilot, as groundsmen give the waiting planes a periodical warm up to keep them at the ready!

The dozing pilot officer sharply blinks an eyelid and glances at the telephone.

"Nothing doing," says the flying officer.

"I suppose," I jokingly questioned, "you're looking forward to a fourth fight to-day?"

"Maybe" he replied. "It's

grand to be letting fly upstairs and see them toppling down. Seven times Jerry's tried to unload his bombs on this outfit and seven times we've stopped him from getting too near. The eighth he may be lucky and then he'll do less damage if we're shooters up there rather than sitters down here. We're giving him no such easy chances."

Ting, ting, ting. The flying officer grabs the telephone at his side.

"Red section take off. Enemy approaching in force twenty miles south-east, 30,000 feet. . . ."

Outside, the loud speakers repeat the orders. Red section take off. Blue section . . . yellow section . . . green section . . .



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It Is Easier For A Camel

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said, "I saw you flirting with that nasty old man."

"Oh, Keith, he isn't so old really."

"Trying to get off with you?"

"No no, of course not."

Keith wagged a shocked finger at her. "Remember what the parson said on Sunday. It is easier for a camel."

"What are you talking about? This is nothing to do with camels?"

"Isn't it just? Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to marry the girl of his dreams."

She said, "What nonsense you talk!" and ignored him but she thought about it a good deal afterwards.

Because Mr. James was very pushful. Mr. James was most considerate. At Villefranches he asked her to call him Archibald. Secretly she had always thought that Archibald was a shocking name, and she could not think how he could like it, but he confessed that he had had a passion for it. At tea again, Keith asked her to marry him.

"I have so little to offer that of course it is pure cheek. But if you could share it. . . ?"

She saw Corsica on the horizon, she saw the world beyond and knew that there were hundreds of places that she wanted to see. This cruise had been a mistake in that it had whetted her whistle for travel. If she settled down now to poverty for always, nothing like this would ever happen again. It was a magical night, a night of stars, and sapphire sea, and phosphorescence.

"I know you love me," said Keith cheerfully, and he kissed her tenderly.

"You mustn't," she said. But all the while she knew that she wanted him to do it again. He did it again. He kissed her until her mouth ached, and until she knew that she wanted to slip into his arms for ever. Only she couldn't.

It would be such madness to say goodbye to all the froth and fun, to finish with all this sort of thing.

Because there was Mr. James.

In her cabin that night she tried to face facts. It would be mad to marry Mr. James, and yet mad not to. He could give her so much, he could make her so happy. If!

From a deck high above her there came the sound of someone singing cheerfully.

"But you can't stop me from dreaming."

If sounded awfully like herself. If she did marry Mr. James, she would dream about Keith.

The ship was alongside the mole at Naples two days later. It was fiercely hot with the blinding heat of southern Italy, and opposite Vesuvius looked gloomy enough. On the quay dark-faced little men offered to guide you anywhere you wanted to go and to several places that you didn't want to visit, or to sell you innumerable rather extraordinary articles. Char-a-bancs were lined up to take the passengers to Pompeii and to the Crater.

"Now you're coming with me," said Keith.

"I'm sorry, but I promised Archibald."

"It's got to Archibald now? I might have guessed it."

She looked at him and she laughed. "I know that is a frightful name, I know that he is a funny person, but he really means awfully well."

"So do I."

Mr. James came and button-holed her. He had commandeered a private car. Yet somehow, as they drove off at the sort of speed nobody ought ever to drive anywhere, least of all in Naples, Gay knew that she looked yearningly after the char-a-banc with Keith in it. He was sitting with that

over-blond young woman in the Tyrolean frock with the pert little hat. It was a comfort to think that she would possibly get sunstroke for her vanity!

Mr. James had determined to do this trip thoroughly, and to get into it everything that could be got. Before they had arrived at Pompeii, Gay was realising how tired she was. Once inside the ruined city there seemed to be so much more of it than she had expected, and so much further to walk. She drooped a little. Mr. James was so pre-occupied with everything that he was seeing that he did not notice, and when they came to the quiet corner with the ruined house and the garden before it, and even the dog's drinking trough, Gay felt the world spinning and dropped down into a quiet faint.

When she came to, she had been carried into the little hotel. "I'll never forgive myself," said Mr. James. "I ought to have seen after you better."

"I'm all right," she said weakly.

He had ordered champagne for her, and lunch to be brought in the little private room which looked out across the field, where anemones splashed in a brave show. He was tender and solicitous. There is something very gratifying about money when you are feeling seedy, something very kindly. When Mr. James ultimately put out a hand and whispered the sort of things that he said he had never whispered to any young woman before, she knew that she wasn't refusing him with the gusto she had contemplated.

He said humbly, "I know I'm a good deal older than you are. I know I'm funny in some ways, but I do care for you, Gay, and if you

would think of it, you would make me outrageously happy."

Odd that she should think of Keith and his girl in the Tyrolean dress.

She said, "I don't know my own mind."

"I don't want to hurry you for a moment. I want you to choose for yourself, quite for yourself. I don't want to influence you at all, but I could make you happy, I know. I have the things to make you happy. Nothing should be denied you."

Gay knew that she was being weak. She thought of the solution to so many problems. All her life she had had to skimp. A taxicab was a wild extravagance. An extra frock never happened. Her people were frugally-minded. (They had had to be)—you cannot make money easily these days. She had had her dreams, of course, dreams of travel in this way, dreams of innumerable frocks, and innumerable happinesses.

"We'd go to Japan," said Mr. James. Cherry blossom and wistaria. "And you ought to see Venice." Moonlight on the lagoon. If he said much more she would be saying "yes" straight away.

There drove back to the quay very slowly. They did not do the Crater. In Naples Mr. James went into an expensive shop and bought Gay a string of jade. It was very lovely. It scintillated with the glory of all lovely things, and it shone against her white frock. A maestro in a little restaurant played them a love song, and across the way she saw a little tabac in which a languorous-eyed Neapolitan girl flirted audaciously with a boy of her own age.

That hurt!

Because, Gay told herself when she sank back in her own cabin, "I shall marry Mr. James. I know I shall."

"Well," said Keith that night against the taffrail. "What did you do with the old buffer?"

"He isn't an old buffer. I saw things. Glorious things, lots of them, and I fainted in Pompeii."

"That's the care he takes of you. I trailed round and round. It's a very rude city, I think. You should have come with us," and then, "that's a lovely piece of jade!"

"He gave it to me."

Keith whistled. "I see. Well, don't forget the camel."

"The camel?"

"The rich man suffers difficulties at the turnstile, but the camel takes a flying leap and what-ho! Over he goes."

Which was of course just a piece of nonsense! She wished that his nonsense did not amuse her so much. She wished that he were not so entertaining. It was youth. She liked his bright eyes. She wondered if it would be quite crazy to tie herself down to poverty, to all those petty little economies, to all the eternal efforts, and she brushed the idea aside. To-morrow night, carnival night, she would accept Archibald James. It was obviously the wise thing to do.

And all the morning she tried to make crepe paper into a frock.

"You can't do it," said Keith, peeping in. "All that is going to happen is that you will sit through it. Crepe paper frocks are dangerous."

"I haven't anything else."

He said, "I'm going with a party! Quite a brain-wave. You can come too. All you need is a white frock and a topee."

He said, "You'll see," and then because he was the darling kind, he stooped suddenly and kissed her.

"There," he said, "that's for luck."

They dined in their ordinary clothes. Some of the fancy dresses had already appeared. Mr. James in a Turkish frock which he had bought in Constantinople last year and had over-paid for by quite half. The girl in the Tyrolean costume had come out as a midshipman. It delighted Gay to see that three others had had the same idea. "That'll teach her," she thought.

"But where is your dress?" asked Mr. James.

"I'm one of a group. I am changing after."

He said, "If you had told me I would have bought you the most expensive frock in Naples. Money, no object where you are concerned," and he smiled.

"It would have been nice of you, but I'll be all right." She wondered if money mattered really quite so much. You can get an awful lot out of having to make do. You can have great fun in other ways.

She met the rest of her group on the aft deck. She came running along the alley way and turned the corner sharply, coming to a dead stop. A young man in an Arabic dress stood salam-

ing. A crazy camel composed of sackings, and gilded round his humpy middle with rope, lurched crookedly towards her, from inside him a voice boomed. "It is easier for a camel."

She began to laugh. She went to the taffrail and hid her face in her hands, laughing until the tears ran down her cheeks. She had never known that anything could look so funny. "Now then," boomed Keith again, "You've got to ride the camel, and it is time we joined the procession."

The Arab helped her up.

A few moments later, when a long train of early Victorian ladies, armoured knights, admirals and generals interspersed with Girl Guides, terrors, and Dutch boys had trailed through the lounge, the camel entered at a brisk trot. Parump-parump-parump; trotted the camel.

Mr. James was helping with the judging.

Mr. James was sitting, fiddling with his pencil and making rather idiotic notes on a piece of paper. The four judges were not unanimous. They had their interests torn between a girl in a Norwegian dress and another who had come in as a dressing-table and had had to get through the door sideways. Then they saw the camel.

"Oh look, it's rather good," gasped the mayoress of Slapdash, who was assisting with the judging.

The camel gavotted along, with Gay screaming with laughter as she joggled from side to side. Never had a camel had a more humpy back!

The camel approached the judicial seat and salaamed to one knee, almost collapsing in the effort. His rope tail quivered. Then, from inside him a strange voice spoke.

"It is easier for a camel," said the strange voice, and Mr. James turned rather pink.

"Idiotic," said Mr. James, "and quite home-made. Definitely home-made."

"I think it's rather good," persisted the mayoress and she jotted marks down on the paper before her.

The camel ambled off again.

Outside the lounge Gay dismounted, and Keith emerged from the front legs. "You see," he said, and he took her arm, "look here we have got to talk."

He piloted her to the empty verandah, with the sound of water against the ship's side, and the lace-work of masts and rigging against the blue sky. They were heading for Taormina and the roses.

He said, "You'll never be happy with that old Johnny, and you know it. You want youth, and life, and freedom. You want fun."

She knew that, of course. Money is not much good if you are aged by it. A holiday snatched out of the savings and spent in Blackpool can be sweeter than one spent with the man who is not your man of dreams, on the lagoon at Venice, or in the cherry blossom orchards of Japan.

"There is something in what you say," she said.

"Maybe I have taken a mean advantage. Maybe I have let my camel ride rough shod over the old buffer, but I'm not going to let you make an ass of yourself like that!"

He took her into his arms, and he was possessive. She did not care if she had to work for the rest of her life, and something told her that she wouldn't have to work, she did not care what happened, but she knew that she was in love.

"How can I tell him?" she asked, "he was terribly kind when I fainted in Pompeii. He is so sure that I shall marry him."

"He is a rich man. He can find somebody else."

"Keith, I feel very cruel."

"Nonsense. You feel very happy."

He had her in his arms, they did not know how long it was nor what happened. Then suddenly they heard somebody calling their names. They had to go up for their prizes, and the camel was wanted.

"I'm very sorry," Gay told Mr. James, and she told him later on when she had her hand in Keith's. "I don't understand it," said he coldly, "you encouraged me," and his eye went to the jade chain at her throat.

Gay said, "Don't you see I didn't know my own mind. Honestly, I didn't but know it now. I'm going back and I daresay it will be an uphill fight, but we'll win through. Somehow, I know that we shall win through."

A long time after Gay said "Poor old thing," and her eyes were misty.

"Poor old thing, my fool!" said Keith, "he found for once in his life that money wasn't the open sesame to the world. The camel pipped him at the post!"

He kissed her again.

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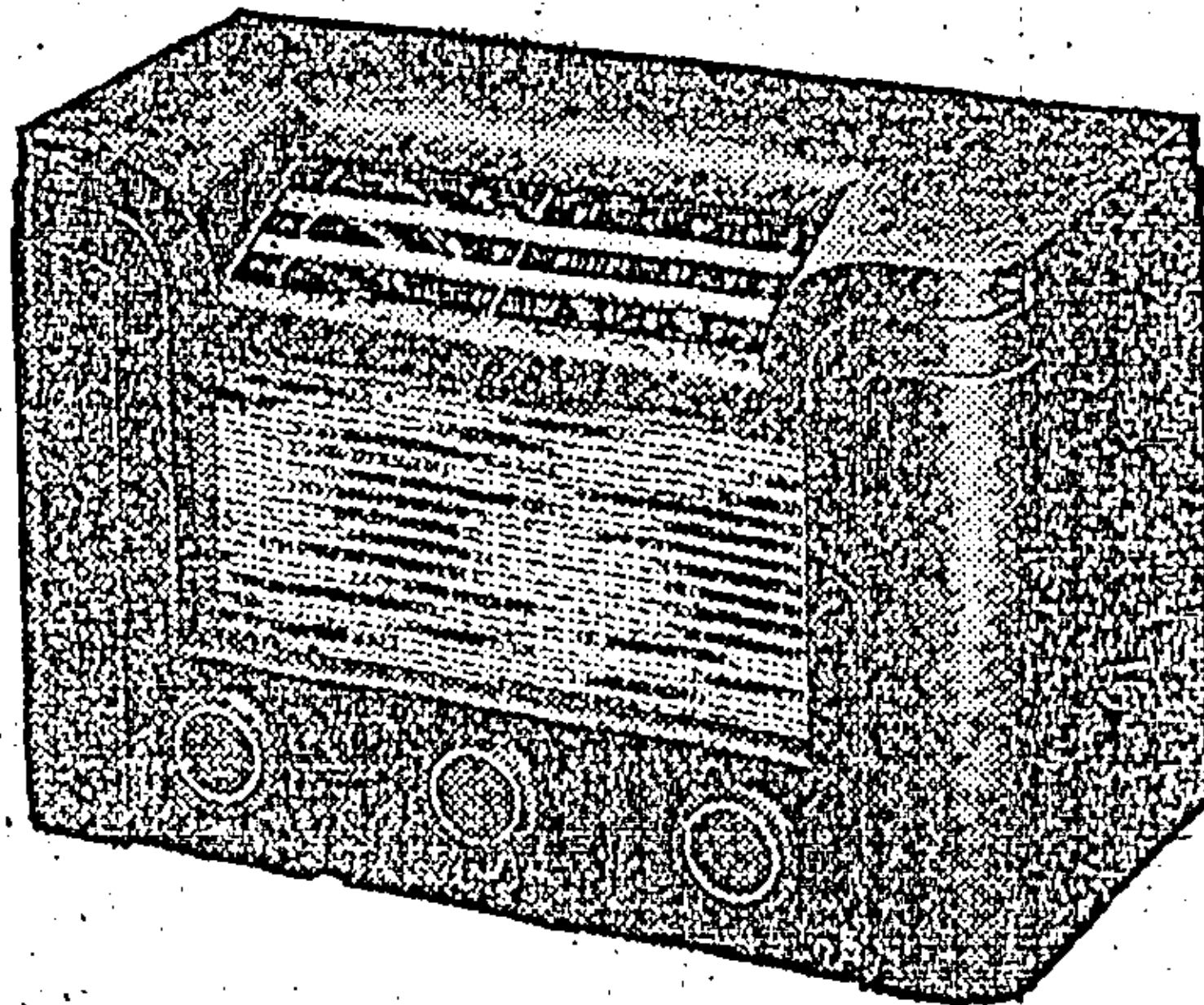
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Every bit of her is made of wool, from her yellow hair to the pompons on her red shoes. Pink is a good colour for the doll, but her clothes can be knitted from any odd ounces of coloured 4-ply wool. If you prefer you may make her in pale fawn wool and may give her brown or black hair.

Materials required: 2oz. 4-ply Fingering pink, 1oz. blue, 1oz. red, 1/2oz. yellow, 1 pr. of knitting pins No. 9 and 11, 1 yd. of ribbon, 1 wire brush.

Tension: For No. 9 pins 13 sts. to 2 inches. No. 11 pins, 15 sts. to 2 inches.



"Even little boys have been known to like me."

Abbreviations: K.—Knit; P.—Purl; Sts.—Stitches; Dec.—Decrease; Inc.—Increase; Pat.—Pattern; Tog.—Together; St. st.—Stocking stitch; Ins.—Inches. Knit into the backs of all cast-on stitches.

The Body

With No. 11 pins and pink wool cast on 56 sts. Work 3 1/4 inches in plain knitting (garter stitch). Shape legs: Work the first 28 sts. for 7 in., decreasing one stitch each end of every 6th row, until 14 sts. remain.

Shape foot: (Start at the inside edge) K. 9 sts., turn, K. 7 sts., work 8 rows on these 7 sts. Break off wool.

Pick up and knit 6 sts. up right foot strip. Pick up and knit 6 sts. down left side of foot strip. Knit 5 sts. of left side of ankle (20 sts. in all with 2 sts. of right ankle). Knit 3 rows on these 20 sts. Cast off tightly.

Return to the remaining 28 sts., and work to correspond, with foot shaping at the opposite edge.

Pink Arms

With No. 11 pins and pink wool cast on 20 sts. Work 18 rows, decreasing one stitch each end of every 6th and 12th rows. 19th row: * K. 2, K. 2 tog., repeat from * to end. Knit 6 rows, cast

off. Work another arm to correspond.

The Head

Back of head: With No. 11 pins and pink wool, cast on 10 sts. Work in st. st. for 28 rows, increasing one stitch each end of every row until 24 sts. remain. Next row: * K. 2, K. 2 tog., repeat from * to end. Next row: K. 2 tog. K. 1, repeat from * to end. (12) sts. Work 4 rows st. st. Cast off. Face: Work as for back of the head.

Shoes: With red wool and No. 11 pins cast on 14 sts. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. Cast on 8 sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Work 7 rows. Cast off. Work second shoe.

Check Dress

Back and front are alike. With red wool and No. 9 pins, cast on 100 sts. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. * Change to blue wool. Work 8 rows, st. st., change to red wool, work 2 rows. * repeat from * to throughout the dress.

Work until 5 ins. from cast on edge. Next row: Knit 4 sts. tog. to end of row. (25 sts. now.) Work 1/2 inch. Change to red wool. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. Cast off.

Short Sleeves

With red wool and No. 9 pins, cast on 30 sts. Knit 2 rows plain

knitting, continue in strips for one inch. Cast off very tightly. TO MAKE UP: Press all parts with warm iron and damp cloth. Sew seams of head and face. With yellow wool, work 2-inch loops over head, taking a back stitch between each loop to prevent loops pulling out. Cut loops, trim into shape, fray with wire brush. Sew seams of body, leaving a space for filling in. Sew head to

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Local Sport



A study in expressions during Sunday's Recreio v C.B.A. hockey match in King's Park.



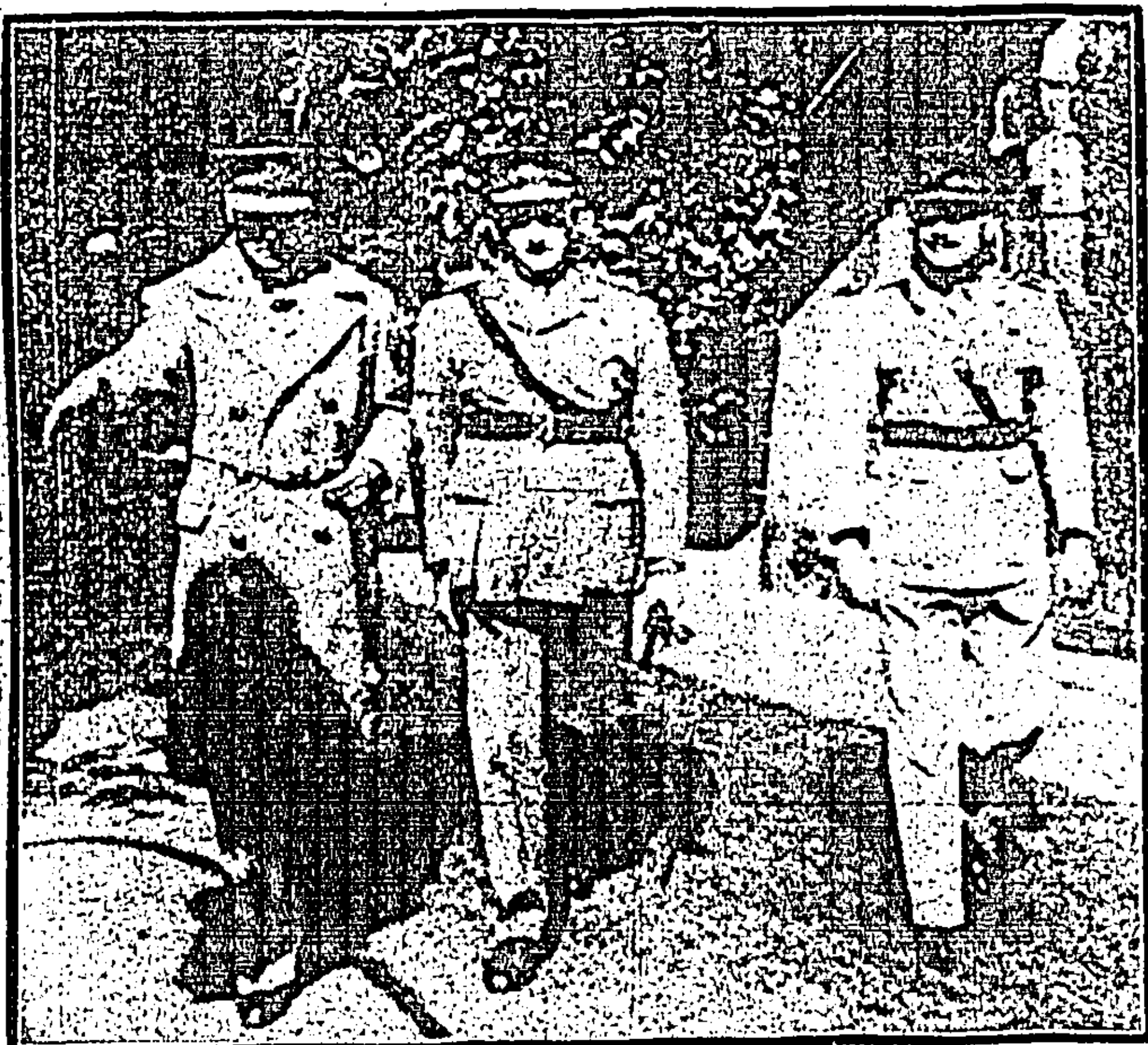
A tense moment during last Saturday's quadrangular tournament between the Army and Club Fifteens. (Kahn).



(Above) — Forwards get their feet to it when the pack breaks up during last Saturday's Army v Club quadrangular tournament. (Kahn).



(Right) — Taken during last Sunday's hockey match between Recreio and C.B.A. at King's Park.



Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, Hon. Lieut.-Col. L. Dowbiggin and Captain Thursby arriving at the Union Church on Sunday for the special St. Andrew's Day service.



Spectators and players at the hockey match in King's Park last Sunday between C.B.A. and Recreio.



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Military Strategy In Greek War; Two Possibilities

(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

THE GREEK CAMPAIGN has already given a very hard blow to the Axis and Mussolini in particular. The results, however, have not yet been decided.

These results may be infinitely far-reaching, and decisive results can only be attained if the campaign is carried on with the utmost vigour.

Everything depends on that word vigour — that is to say, the strategy of campaign must largely be decided by the character of the commander-in-chief.

Main decision before him seems to be whether or not to pursue a cautious policy of not pressing forward to the sea and of giving up the idea of destroying the Italian army in Albania.

Object of such a policy would be to establish a good line of communication behind him and avoid counter-attack from the Italians.

Such a policy may be theoretically safer than a dash advance, but is it in practice?

The Italians would be given time to recover and would have time to bring fresh reinforcements from Italy.

Issue For Greeks?

Would the position of the Greek Army then be so safe?

In addition to the recovered morale of the Italians time would have been given to Hitler to act and bring overwhelming numbers against it.

There are many instances of armies which have rushed forward, out-marched their supplies and encountered fresh forces of the enemy which then defeated them.

In 1920 the Turks inflicted just such a defeat on the Greeks.

But a successful war is not made by blindly following rules and copying previous campaigns without regard to divergent circumstances.

Many Examples

There are, if one seeks them, many examples of immense gains which have been obtained from a pursuit pushed forward relentlessly and with the utmost vigour — decisive points seized and hostile armies scattered and destroyed; and there are also examples of crushing victories, the full fruits of which were lost because the victor had not pushed the pursuit with relentless energy.

In the first category, Napoleon's pursuit of the Prussians after the Battle of Jena is a classic example.

In a few weeks after the battle the French were in Berlin and Prussia had fallen.

In the present war we have seen the tremendous consequences of relentless pursuit giving the enemy no time to recover or use fresh bases in the German pursuit of the French even as far as Bordeaux.

Second Category

In the second category, Wellington lost many fruits of his two greatest victories at Salamanca and Vittoria, by failing to pursue with sufficient energy.

In both cases the French recovered and resumed the offensive.

Many factors in the present situation in Albania would urge a vigorous pursuit.

Though lines of communication are difficult and railways conspicuous only by their absence, a rush to decisive points should not put undue strain on transport.

Naval Aid

Ships of the Greek and British navies should be able to give most effective assistance to an attack on Valona and Durazzo as soon as the Greek land forces are within striking distance.

If the Greek command can capture these ports the results will be almost decisive as far as the war in Albania is concerned.

A great portion of the Italian army would be destroyed, being forced to surrender or die. Few could escape to the north.

Il Duce's Boasts

Despite Mussolini's boasts it should be practically impossible

for him to send into Albania fresh forces to readjust the balance in his favour, for his only port would be Santa Giovanni de Medici, in the northern corner of Albania.

Then, with a fairly short front resting on Lake Ohrida, in the east, and on the sea, in the west, the Greeks would be in a much better position to meet any eventualities which might arise. — Reuter.

LESSONS OF NAZI AIR SAVAGERY

Lessons learned from the raids on Southampton, Coventry, Birmingham, Bristol and elsewhere are being worked out and will be sent to every region in the country.

The Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr. Herbert Morrison, gave this assurance during a speech at Southampton yesterday in which he also paid tribute to the splendid fight put up by the Civil Defence Service and the magnificent spirit of the civil population under the city's recent ordeal.

"Grievous as the sufferings of Southampton and other heavily bombed towns have been," said Mr. Morrison, "we are trying to extract from them whatever advantage we can."

It may be some consolation to people in bombed cities to know that every time this ordeal is inflicted the next occasion will be a little more difficult and our own work in countering the attack a little more effective."

After expressing grateful appreciation of the effective help rendered by the Army in coping with some recent problems arising from bombing Mr. Morrison closed with a tribute to the extraordinary valour of the Greek nation whose example "gives us a timely reminder that courage, brains and inflexible determination can upset the calculations of a bully as unexpectedly and thoroughly as David with his sling overthrew the clanking champion of the Philistines." — British Wireless.

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A sum of £1,500 has been remitted by cable on behalf of this Colony towards the purchase of Mobile Canteens.

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British Trawlers Lost

Four British trawlers and one drifter were recently lost through damage sustained by mine-sweeping.

An official Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday alluded to the fact that the German High Command lay continual stress upon the mining of British ports.

These ports and their approaches, stated the communique, are kept clear of mines from day to day by the tenacity and courage of British mine-sweeping forces.

The enemy is using all manner of devices to prevent or hinder the sweeping of these mines.

Although the success of these devices has been limited and is likely to decrease, they impose losses like the above mentioned upon our sweeping forces.

The trawlers lost are the Ethel Taylor, Amethyst, Elk and Colverton, and the drifter the Christmas Rose.

There are no casualties in Amethyst and Elk. — Reuter.

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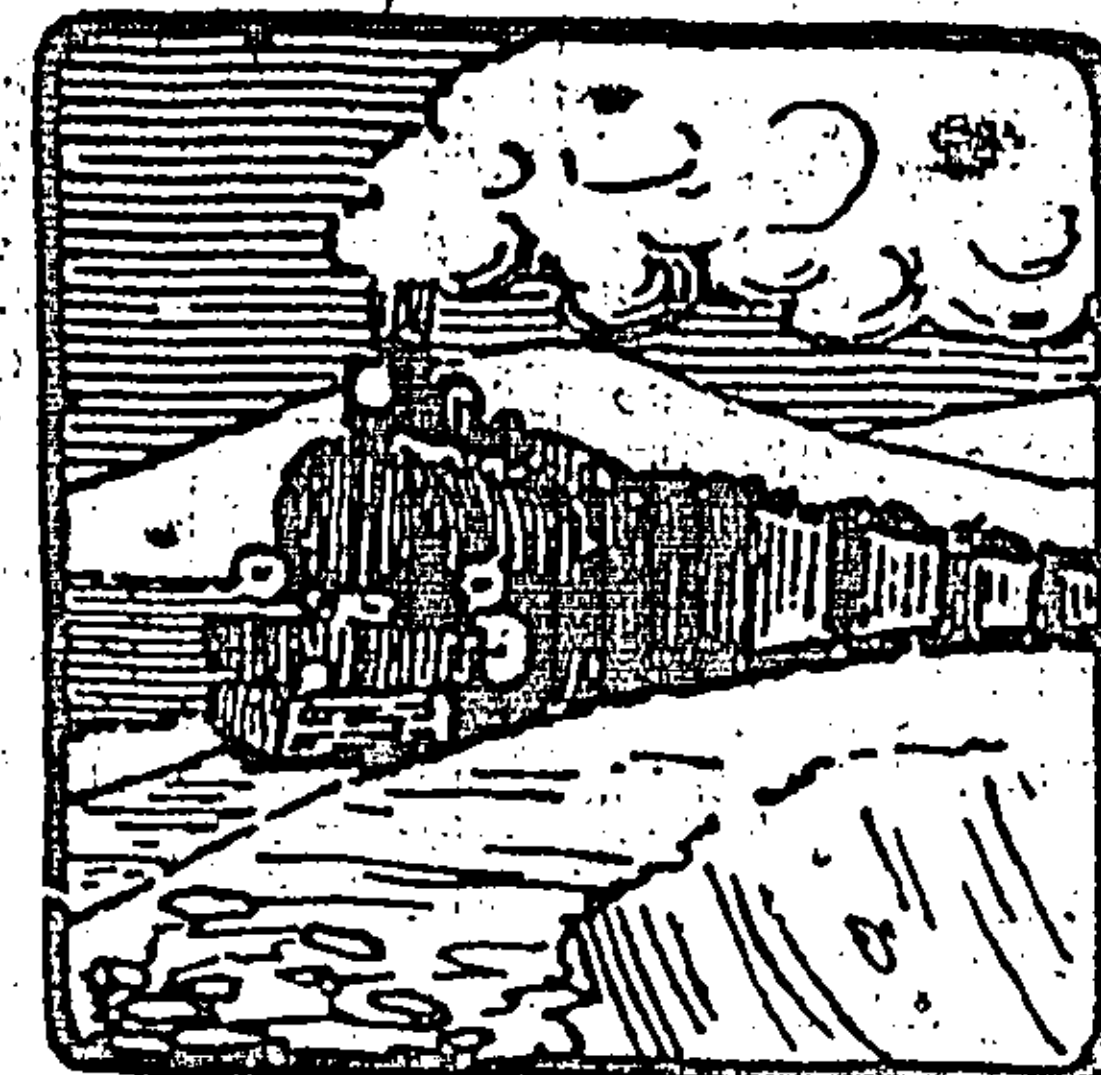
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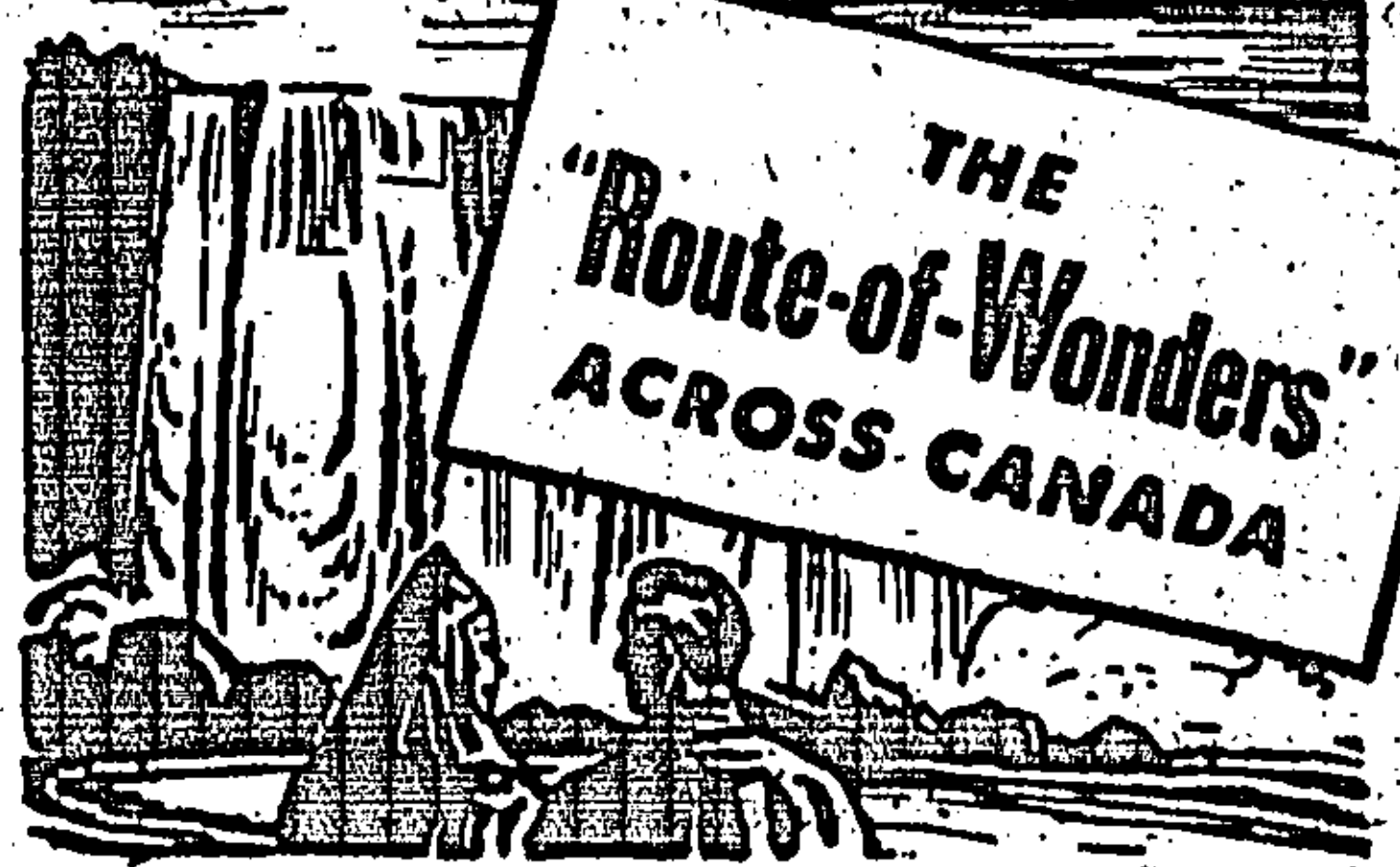
BRIDGE NOTES
A USEFUL TRUMP
By The Four Aces
The inexperienced player often leaves a trump at large simply because he has forgotten about it—a lapse of which the experienced player is seldom guilty. The expert, too, sometimes leaves a trump out—but he has a reason for it:
South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
♠ Q 10 5
♥ 4
♦ A J 9 8 3
♣ A K 6 2
♠ K 4
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 7 4
♠ A J 9 8 2
♥ A K Q 6
♦ J 9 5 4
The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
3♣ Pass
West opened the eight of clubs, dummy winning with the King.
The Queen of spades was led for a finesse, losing to West's King, and then West returned his other trump. It was at this point that South decided not to draw East's last trump.
Instead he cashed dummy's King of clubs and discarded the low heart on dummy's Ace of diamonds. Next the low heart was led from the dummy, and South ran his other two high hearts—dummy discarding the low clubs. Now it was possible for South to lead a third round of clubs, while dummy ruffed out East's club Queen. A diamond ruff put South in to draw East's last trump (for now there was no longer a reason to allow him to hold it) and then the rest of South's cards were good.
It's true that South had to risk getting by safely with three rounds of hearts and two rounds of clubs while still leaving a trump at large, but normal breaks would allow his plan to succeed.
Yesterday you were playing a Small Slam contract. You had entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:
A J 8 4
Dummy
You
K 9 7 6 5
How did you play the trumps?
ANSWER: Lead the Ace of trumps first. If both hands follow, you can't lose more than one trick. If West shows out, you can lead towards your own hand, forcing East to play an honour—and this thus limiting him to one trick. If East shows out, you can take the King and lead towards dummy's Jack.
Score 100% for the recommended play, 0 for any other.
Question No. 582
To-day you are playing another Small Slam contract. You have entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:
J 8 7 6
Dummy
You
A Q 9 5 4 3
How do you play the trumps?
(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)
SNORES UPSET HER, NOT THE BOMBS
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Mr. Wells, a New York correspondent says, surprised reporters nurtured on Goebbels's tales of rapid annihilation of London. "I have never yet been in a shelter," said Mr. Wells.
REFUGE ROOM JUSTICE
For the first time in its history the Court of Appeal has delivered judgement in a refuge-room in the basement of the Law Courts. The Court was hearing a divorce appeal when the sirens sounded.
Lords Justices Mackinnon, Clau-
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1.15 p.m.—Nat Gonella and His Georgians.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Grieg.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.32 p.m.—Weber—Fantasia on Melodies of Johann Strauss, Marek Weber and His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
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9.30 p.m.—Studio—Piano Recital by Harry Ore.
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks: 'Books and People'.
9.45 p.m.—Rachmaninoff—Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.
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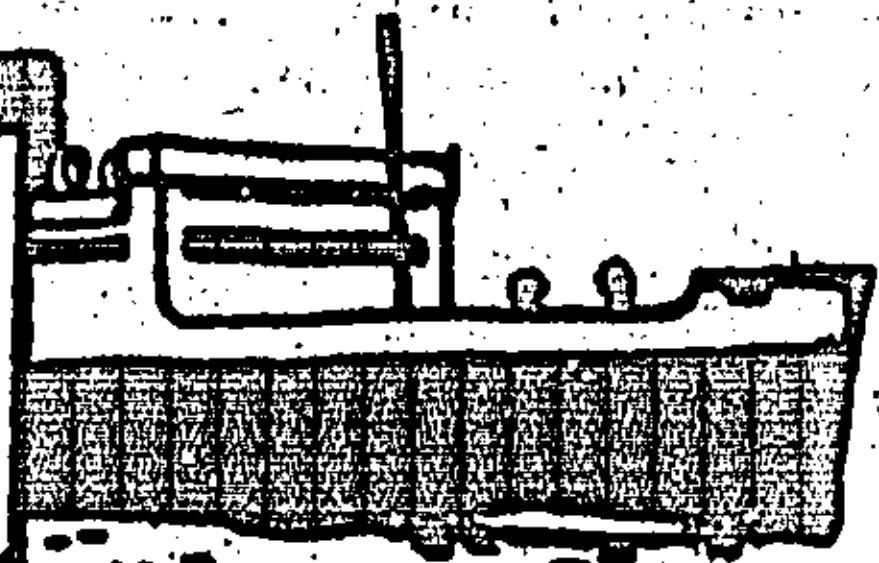
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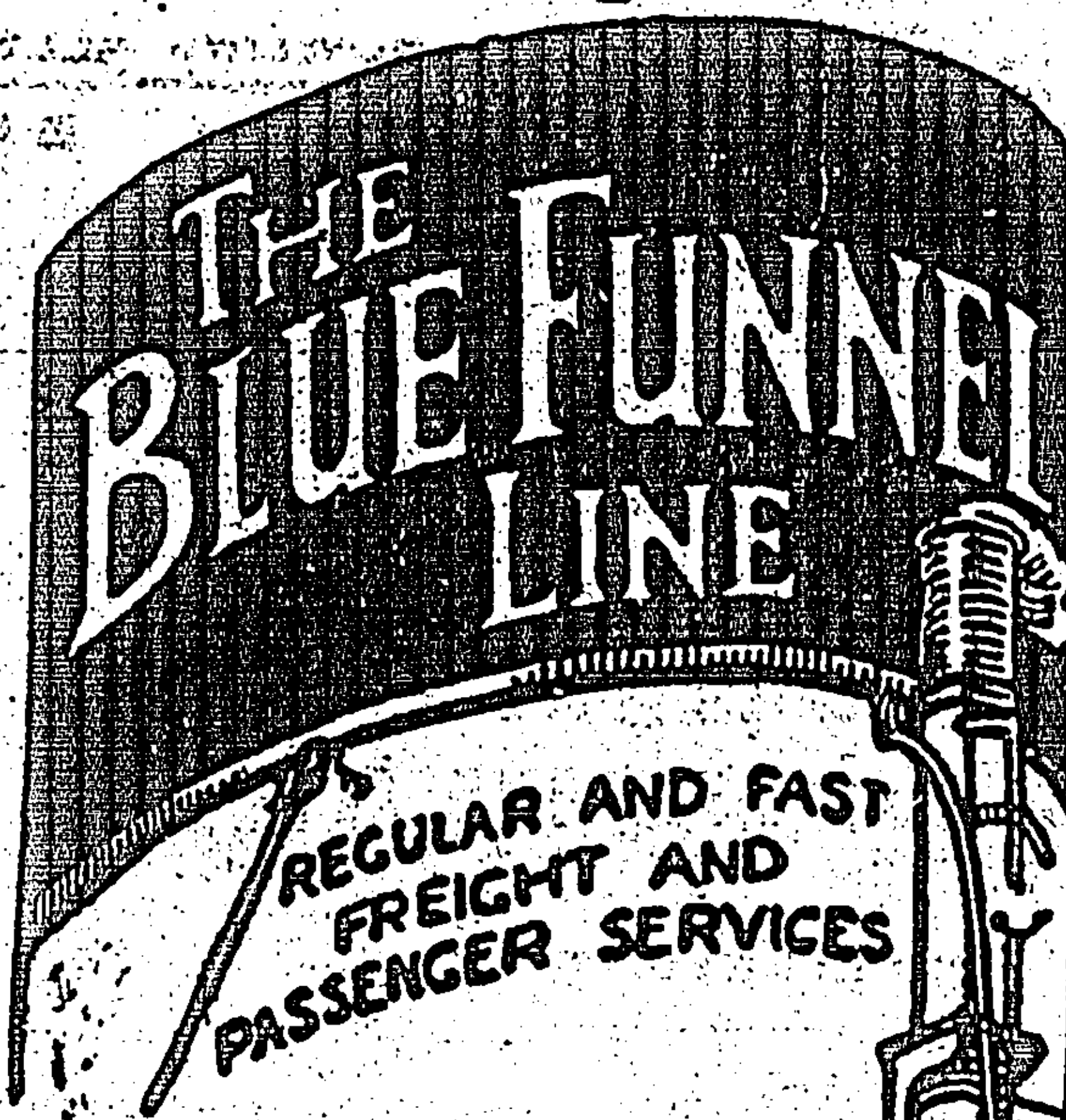
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REVIEW OF JUNIOR CLUBS

McNeill's Brilliance & Improvement Earn Recognition

LEADS PAVED WAY FOR K.B.G.C. PROMOTION

By "Skip"

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB HAD TO FIGHT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY TO SECURE PROMOTION AT THE EXPENSE OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB AND TAIKOO CLUB.

Much of the Austin Road team's success was due, I would say, to their excellent leads, for Pope, Sykes and Morton were as good a set as any three I can think of. Added to this was the experience of such players as Bob Duncan, dead at home, Henry Lockhart, who played for Civil Service Cricket Club for years, Drew and Waterton.

Bovaird's Improvement

Some of the Taikoo players, notably Hillon, Main and especially Bovaird, showed vastly improved form but on the other hand one or two other fell off considerably. Jimmy Chalmers and Donald Munro were never quite the force of the previous season, the heavy greens seeming to upset the latter, whilst such consistent players as Melrose and Keown rarely failed to come off.

Regular Skips

Kowloon Football Club, who were runners-up on shots average, fielded only four regular skips during the whole of the season and I cannot help thinking that this had much to do with their success. Younghusband and Simpson played in practically every match, while Chittenden and Field shared the position in the other rink, the latter frequently being on duty.

Although Simpson proved to be their most improved player, Joe Eastman and Tony Lapalay also made excellent progress and should do well next year when the battle for promotion is resumed.

McNeill Promoted

Craigengower, although finishing fourth in the League, did not seem to be as formidable as in the past but they had one or two outstanding successes.

McNeill was positively brilliant as skip, losing only one game out of 10 before he virtually played him self into the first team, where he did equally well as number two. Bill Way, I thought, was not as brilliant as of old, while Herbert Randall, general utility man, played pretty consistently, losing only one game of five when he skipped a rink.

Tribble For Promotion

Kowloon Cricket Club have one or two promising players, among whom I would especially pick out Major Parsons, who improved a lot in the off season. Both Tribble

and Bob Leigh made progress and should do well next season, when I think the former might make his way into the premier team.

Hsu And Castros Shine

Kowloon Tong's shining lights were Hsu and the brothers Castro, who both came on splendidly, Henry playing some deadly games as lead and Ted more than pulling his weight as second man. Stephens, as skip was also very consistent and he saved or added many shots.

Mackay was excellent on occasion but not quite consistent enough though he has a good idea of the game.

Recruits At Recreio

Not much can be said of Club de Recreio except that they have some very keen new players coming along and could I think easily raise four teams should they feel disposed to do so.

O. P. Remedios did not meet with the success of the previous year when he lost only once, but those sort of years come only once in a while.

Age And Enthusiasm

Eddie Souza skipped a rink regularly and had a good run midway through the season, though four losses in a row at the end

SELL-OUT FOR BIG MATCH

All the reserved tickets at \$1.00 in the uncovered stands for the League game between Eastern and Sing Tao have been sold and very few of the \$1.50 for the covered stand are left. It is expected that all reserved tickets will be sold out by this afternoon.

rather dirtied his copybook. Dick Alves' brother has taken to the game and shapes well as does F. X. Montelero, who is very promising.

Hong Kong Cricket Club had a mixture of experience and enthusiasm, the former provided by Dai Davies, who did quite well when he took over a skip's job, and several of the old Yacht Club players like Brown, Cornell and Costello to mention just three.

The enthusiasm and not a little skill came from Alec Mackenzie, who took to the game naturally, Jimmy Mouat, Ronnie Eddwards and of course our old friend "Z.B.W." Hansen!

C.S.C.C. Disappoint

Civil Service were again disappointing though one or two new players like Walker and Gardner shaped well, while I can say little kind about the Police players for the team won only one match!

PRISON OFFICERS DESERVE PROMOTION

By "Skip"

PRISON OFFICERS, deservedly won Third Division and promotion although they were only a couple of points better than Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Against which they can point out that they were getting on for a 100-shot better credit-balance than the Austin Road team.

Three players were outstanding in the Stanley team and all improved greatly on past performances. Firstly, McGrath, who not only did well in League games but made a brave show in the club's competition; secondly Tiny Freeman, who used to play, without any conspicuous success I may add, for Kowloon Cricket Club, and thirdly Webber, who unfortunately was not able to turn out in every match. The last named is better on his own green than away but will improve with time.

Scard, Elphick and Patrick showed excellent form for the Austin Road team who will be sorry to lose Patrick on transfer to another station when he recovers from his present illness. Len Jorden got the banner headlines early in the Season by securing an eight but I think he played more consistently when relieved of the responsibilities of skipping a rink.

H.K. Electric Fall Away

Hong Kong Electric tied Kowloon Bowling Green Club on points and at one time looked like winning this division but they faltered a little after a brilliant and even sensational start.

Gardner played some excellent games as lead and was by far the most improved player, though Sloan, who got a possible against Doctor Lam's rink, was very consistent as a skip as was Tarbuck his lead. V. Sorby was not called upon to play regularly but did quite well when he filled a gap.

"Chico" Wong made a name for himself in Kowloon Football Club's team, as did O'Brien whilst Dock Smalley enhanced his reputation considerably, playing some great games as skip.

Talent At H.K.F.C.

Although the team secured only fifth place in the League, there were one or two promising players in the Hong Kong Football Club's team.

Charlie Needham was the most improved player in the club and has a skip's temperament, whilst both A. and J. Watson did well, the latter especially.

Craigengower seemed to chop and change their team a lot but managed to win half their matches; no name comes to my mind as being at all above the others unless it is Esmail, who played in the first team towards the end of the season.

NEW BILLIARDS ORGANISATION

At a meeting held in the European Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, Mr. C. Terran was elected Chairman of a body of those interested in promoting billiards, and Mr. C. T. Champelovier the Secretary. Members elected to form the Committee were Messrs. H. Neubronner, D. Crozier, R. Goldman, S. Sykes and E. W. Ralton.

second highest score with 840 which included the highest individual score of the match, 209 in his fourth game. Borg came next with 833, while Moore was fair.

Engle of Tulsa was the only player on his side who failed to reach the 800 mark, his total being 734.

This player is new to match play, but his improvement has been clearly noticeable. Watts, with 822 was consistent.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Grooving The Clubhead's Path

By BEST BALL
If one is slicing it is more than likely that he is coming onto the ball in the wrong manner. An outside in stroke, cutting across the ball and adding left to right spin is the obvious cause. However, even when the player knows what is wrong, it is sometimes difficult to remedy the difficulty. If some definite path were out-lined for the club head to follow in the hitting area, the cure could be more easily accomplished. Such a plan is possible by the mere use of tees.

For example, at distance some seven or eight inches behind, and in front of the tee ball, place tees at either side of line of direction to the hole. The two on the outside path should be two inches to the right of this line, while the rear left tee should be about four inches inside the line. The front inside tee should be three inches to the left. If the clubhead comes down in a wrong path it is certain to topple over one or more of the tees and disclose the error. Practice in steering a clear path through the tees will groove the swing correctly.

Next Article:—Smoothing Out The Stroke.

BADMINTON EXHIBITIONS

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "lit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his teammate C. Au by a similar score.

The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. W. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y". Last night's exhibition is any criterion.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

AN APPRECIATION OF C.P.O. SPENKO

By "Strike"

QUITE a good five-game Ten Pin match between U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team was played at the Alleys on Friday. The Tulsa team were without that veteran Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who has left the China Station, and it was no doubt due to his absence that they lost by 178 pins.

In passing I would like, on behalf of all bowling fans, to express my deep sense of regret at losing this genial, laconic sportsman, whom we had come to regard as part and parcel of the Alleys.

To revert to the game mentioned above.

With the exception of Doc Molthen's effort, the scoring all round was much lower than usual. Molthen secured top score of the match with a good 848—rather lower than his usual and without one score of 300. Watts for the Alley team, was second with 778, just about the lowest score he has put up for some considerable time. He could only manage a very poor 128 in his fifth game, so he must have been out of touch!

Norg of Tulsa was not very far behind Watts with 731. The remaining players trailed away behind to make scores of between 702 and 731.

I cannot recollect Peterson of Tulsa ever putting up such a poor score—the lowest of the match. He made 697, including a miserable 102 in his second game!

Another Tulsa Win

Vasko and his Tulsa men were in action against Royal Corps of Signals in a live-game Duck Pin

match on Sunday, the match resulting in a win for Tulsa by 79 pins.

Duck Pin matches are always keen and interesting to watch, particularly when Tulsa visits port and clashes with the Signals or the Alleys representatives.

This match was no exception. The teams were:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—O. F. Drewes, J. A. Vasko, K. E. Bellor, H. R. Holden.

Signals—J. W. Wright, A. A. Borg, F. Johnson and W. Wathen.

Blount was unable to turn out and A. A. Borg of Tulsa substituted capably. Drewes, who is pretty consistent, did not disappoint on this occasion, being the star bowler of the match with a brilliant 514. Vasko, veteran Duck Pin bowler that he is, was not far behind with 507.

T. W. Wright did fairly well and got 492, to maintain the steady improvement in his Duck Pin play. I expect great things of this player.

Johnson who is new to Duck Pin match play, impressed me very much in his first turnout for Signals, while Holden, whom I do not remember having played in a similar match before did quite well to make a useful 443.

Return Match

The return match between the Alley team and Tulsa was played on December 3, and resulted in a win for Tulsa by 78 pins, the teams being:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—Pete Peterson, A. A. Borg, E. J. Moore and C. W. Engle.

Alley Team—Doc Molthen, J. H. Watts, S. A. Ismail and H. B. Wilkins.

Molthen was again top-scorer with 859 and he also had the distinction of being the only player on his side to top 200, bagging 203 in his fifth game. Peterson was



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VICTORY LIFE FAVOURED FOR THE MAIN EVENT IN MACAO

Last Race Meeting Of The Year

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapier"

THE MEETING to be held at Macao on Sunday will be the last under the auspices of Macao Jockey Club for 1940, and, judging by the entries received, should be well attended.

There are six events down for decision, most important being the Chung Shan Handicap on which a special dollar sweep has been organised.

The S.S. "Chungshan" of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co. will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.15 a.m.

First saddling bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

RACE NO. 1—"THE KIN SHAN HANDICAP": FIVE FURLONGS

Opening race of the day is a sprint event confined to "X" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club. Sports Venture, although unplaced in the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting, has again been given 168 lb. to carry and must, therefore, on the official handicapper's estimation, be regarded as the best pony. As it will again be ridden by Mr. J. Nolasco, who will have an allowance of 5 lb., the weight should not jeopardise its chances.

The Mermaid has been penalised by 5 lb. for coming in third to The Spirit of St. Louis at the previous meeting, with Sports Venture, and, on that performance, should do well. Its principal opposition is likely to come from either Black Diamond or Eagle, which were first and second respectively in the Tai Sam Bar Handicap over six furlongs.

My selections are The Mermaid to win with Black Diamond second and Eagle third.

RACE NO. 2—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "E" Class China ponies, classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Judging from the entries, Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao), in view of its third placing in the Tai Po Stakes at the Valley to King's Worthy and Zero, and the fact that these two ponies will not be competing, should win.

It should, however, receive stern opposition from Radium Star (Mr. Liang), the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section), which is quite fast over this distance.

Ascot Vale (Mr. Pan) which was fourth to Lancashire Chap in the above race is another pony that should not be disregarded as it is quite fit at the moment.

Heddon will again be taken out by its owner-jockey, Mr. Lo Kwong-to and, as it lost to Radium Star by only a neck at Macao in the last meeting, should be near at the finish.

Nevertheless, I fancy Lancashire Chap to win, with Radium Star second and Ascot Vale third.

RACE NO. 3—"THE DECEMBER HANDICAP": ONCE ROUND

"D" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race. King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), the winner of the Tai Po Stakes, has been promoted and although it will carry 151 lb., having been penalised by 1 lb., Mr. Hoo will receive 5 lb. allowance, so it should be well up with the leaders if it does not actually win.

Then there is Phoenix (Mr. Liang), which came in second to Eve of Hunting in the Hunan Handicap (First Section) over the Champions distance, to be reckoned with and the Leopard (Mr. Chao) which should do better with only 148 lb. to handle.

Chatterbox (Mr. Chanson Feng) has been in poor form recently and for that reason, I think it can be left alone. I look, to King's Worthy to pass the winning post first, with Phoenix and The Leopard fighting it out for second place.

RACE NO. 4—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class

China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will contest this race. Gallant Marshal (Mr. Liang), which was third in the Republican Handicap (Second Section) has not had its weight altered, but I do not fancy its chances as the opposition is quite powerful. I prefer National Liberty which was made favourite in the Tai Po Stakes over the mile, and, although unplaced on that occasion it will probably win this race, as the distance is more to its liking. Dow Jones (Mr. Yuen) has been given top-weight of 168 lb. followed by Geordie (Mr. Sequeira) with 165 lb. and although they are good over this distance, I am afraid the heavy burden is likely to prevent them from winning. King's Envoy (Mr. K. I. Ip) was a disappointment at the last meeting in Macao but, given a good start, should do well.

My selections are National Liberty, Geordie and Gallant Marshal.

RACE NO. 5—"THE CHUNG SHAN HANDICAP": ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and "Y" Class China ponies of the Macao Jockey Club that have started at a Race Meeting since January 1940 will compete. On the result of this race the big \$1,000 Sweep will depend. Victory Life (Mr. K. Kwok) won the Tongkwan Handicap at the last meeting carrying 150 lb. and although it will be asked to carry 162 lb. with a 5 lb. allowance it will actually be carrying 157 lb. For that reason I feel that its chances of repeating its previous success are good. Shanghai 4 for coming in second to Victory Life in the above race, has gone up by 2 lb. and as it has regained some of its old form it should again fight out the finish with the above pony and probably avenge its last defeat.

Meadow Eve (Mr. Chao), which was expected to win at the last meeting, could only fill the minor position but as it will be running at 7 lb. less on this occasion, it should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

Hogmanay, although entered, did not start at the last meeting and, with only 140 lb. to handle, looks dangerous here. It will not surprise if it causes an upset.

Victory Life is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race will wind up the programme for the day and the year, and will be contested by third

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

Small Units Rugby

Football

TWO games were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday in the Small Units Rugby League between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals, and the Middlesex "B" team and the Combined Fifteen of the Service Corps and Ordnance. The first match between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals resulted in a win for the Gunners by 16 points to nil.

The game was very interesting to watch and the Gunners showed better understanding in their play and well deserved their win, although the Medicals did not lose heart and kept on trying until the end.

In the second game the Middlesex beat R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. by 12 points to nil after giving a fine display of Rugby.

The Small Unit Leagues to date are below.

Small Units Leagues

TOP LEAGUE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	2	2	0	0	4
Middlesex	2	1	1	0	3
8th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	1	1	1
Signals	1	0	0	1	0
R.A.S.C.	1	0	0	1	0

BOTTOM LEAGUE					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Engineers	2	2	0	0	4
5th A.A.	2	1	0	1	2
R.A.M.C.	2	1	0	1	2
12th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	0	2	0

It looks as if Royal Scots and Engineers will win their respective Leagues and will play in the final, although Middlesex are only a point behind the Scots. The League should be decided when these teams meet next week.

Polo

IN the first round of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup knockout competition played at Bounary, Suez on Wednesday, the Artillery teams did well to win both their matches against the Middlesex and Fixed Defences.

First game, between the H.K.S.R.A. "B" team and the Fixed Defences, resulted in a win for the Gunners by 5-3, goals being scored by Capt. Duncan (2), Capt. Monro (2) and Capt. Atkinson for the H.K.S.R.A., and for the Defences Capt. Forrester (2) and Lieut. Colonel Way (1).

The second game was played between the H.K.S.R.A. "A" team and the Middlesex and resulted in a big win for the former by 11 goals to nil.

The H.K.S.R.A. were far superior to the Middlesex in all phases of the game and well deserved their victory.

Capt. T. W. Chattey played a good game for the losers but his side lacked confidence in front of the goal.

Goal scorers were Major Wilson (6), Lieut. Smith (4) and Lieut. Fielden.

Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Large Units Hockey League commenced with the undermentioned results:

Combined Small Units drew with the Royal Scots, each scoring one goal.

Middlesex beat Engineers by four goals to one.

section of China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E". The Spirit of St. Louis for its win in the Republican Handicap (third section) at the last meeting, has been penalised by 2 lb. and it should again figure prominently, probably winning again.

There is, however, Persian Cat (Mr. Yuen) to be reckoned with as it lost only by a head to the above pony. As it will be receiving 4 lb. from it on Sunday, it should just about reverse its last meeting defeat. Mac's Adventure (Mr. Yeh) is also to be considered, as well as National Anthem (Mr. Poon), with Sunshine Susie (Mr. Yuen) a possible menace.

I think first place will again be fought out by The Spirit of St. Louis and Persian Cat with Mac's Adventure taking third place.

5th A.A. drew with the Punjabs 1-1.

12th R.A. beat the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 2-1.

In the Hong Kong Hockey Tournament the Engineers are still winning, their latest victims being the A. N. Other XI whom they beat on Sunday by two goals to one.

The Sappers scored their two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game through Denyer and Homburg. Next Sunday they meet Police "A" and will need a strong team.

Billiards

ON Tuesday Royal Air Force played Y.M.C.A. in a friendly game of billiards and lost by 173 points.

R.A.F.		Y.M.C.A.	
W. O. Williams	100	W. Kemp	99
Cpl. Edwards	51	S. Terran	100
F. Alkman	43	F. Sykes	100
Cpl. Smith	83	C. T. Cham-pelovier	100

L. A. C. Taylor 49 E. de Cosier 100

Total 326 499

Messrs Windsor Bros. have kindly offered to present Area Billiards with a silver shield the designation of which will be decided by the Billiards Secretary.

This is a very fine gesture, and will be very much appreciated by Units of the Garrison.

The following Trophies will be awarded in the Garrison Billiards and Snooker competitions this year:

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Highest snooker break for the year (One Silver Cup);

Greatest number of Billiards breaks of 20 and over in all competitions (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate; one frame of snooker actually played (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate for the year in the Garrison Billiards League only (One Silver Cup) Presented by the R.A.M.C.

Football

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Service Corps defeated the Ordnance Corps by five clear goals in their Second Division encounter and move to the top of the League.

The Service Corps are after breaking the local goal-scoring record for one season, which is 91 goals. So far they have scored 65 goals in 11 matches!

Athletics

THE Signals have one entry for the South China Athletic Association Sports meeting on December 29 and January 1, in the 10,000 metres flat race. This is Sig. Lewis who did well in the Kowloon Marathon last month and should be capable of holding his own in this event.

At the annual Unit athletic representatives meeting held last week the following decisions were made with regards to the Area cross-country runs and Athletics which will take place towards the end of April.

This year Army will hold two separate cross country runs, one for British and Chinese personnel only, and one for Indian personnel only.

Middlesex Activities

Middlesex Regiment will shortly be holding their Inter-Company Notice boxing competition which will commence on December 16.

They are also starting their Annual Alubera Tug-of-War competition held on what the Companies of the Battalion.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY RUGGER SUCCESS

The New Zealand Army rugby team yesterday beat Oxford University by 21 points to 5 at Oxford.

Oxford meets Cambridge in the annual Inter-Varsity match on Dec. 7.—Reuter.



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RATCLIFFE, TROPP AND GOSS SHINE

A big partnership between Ratcliffe and Goss and another splendid bowling feat by Tropp were chiefly responsible for the Royal Engineers' cricket win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday by 40 runs.

Ratcliffe hit a six and seven fours in his 53, while Goss found the boundary six times.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Tropp, b Hawkins	5			
Pelham, b Hawkins	13			
Balby, c Brown, b Smith	8			
Ratcliffe, b Hawkins	53			
Goss, l.b.w., b Hawkins	40			
Denyer, b Hemsley	17			
Hawkins, b Hawkins	0			
Monaghan, c and b Hemsley	0			
Gough, not out	1			
Nolde, b Hemsley	0			
Extras (B16)	16			

Total 153

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	6	1	47	1
Hemsley	9	0	33	3
Hawkins	7	0	51	5
Naylor	1	0	6	0

R. A. F.

Paling, b Tropp	6			
Stockham, c Ratcliffe, b Tropp	8			
Hunt, b Tropp	0			
Abbas, c Pelham, b Tropp	10			
Richardson, b Denyer	0			
Hemsley, ht. wkt., b Tropp	21			
Naylor, c Pelham, b Tropp	0			
Brown, b Denyer	34			
Hawkins, not out	5			
Smith, b Tropp	0			
Gallaghan, not out	4			
Extras (B10, LB1, W5)	16			

Total 104

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	11	2	27	7
Ratcliffe	5	2	15	0
Denyer	6	0	32	2
Goss	2	0	14	0

S. CHINA ATHLETIC SPORTS

A Track and Field Meet of the South China Athletic Association, will be held on December 29, and New Year's Day, at Caroline Hill.

The following are the events:—
Men's A teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 1,500 metres flat race; 110 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

Men's B teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres flat race.

Ladies' A teams: 50 metres sprint; 100 metres sprint; 200 metres and 400 metres flat race; and 80 metre hurdles.

Ladies' B teams: 50 metres and 100 metres sprint.

Men's field events:—Shot-put; throwing the discus; high jump; pole jump; broad jump; javelin throwing and hop-skip-and-jump; for "A" teams. For B teams:—High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events:—Basketball throwing; shot put (8 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; throwing the discus and javelin throwing; for A teams. For B teams:—High jump and broad jump.

(N.B. Height for men competing in the B teams is not to exceed 5 feet; and for ladies, 4 feet 6 inches).

Open Events

The following events are open to the public:

Men's A teams: 400 metres relay and 1,600 metres relay.

Men's B teams: 400 metres relay; Ladies teams: 400 metres relay. Open to all comers—10,000 metres.

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CLUB WITHOUT GODFREY

Club will be without G. B. Godfrey for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament game against Navy to-morrow at the Valley, at 4 p.m.

Godfrey has injured his knee and is at present under doctor's orders.

G. G. Davies will take his place at wing-forward.

J. C. Charter may also be unavailable as his injury has not responded to treatment as fast as it might have done. In the event of his absence D. G. Day will be brought in at centre-threequarter.

CHARITY SOCCER

Kwong Wah will play Club at Boundary Street on Saturday in First Division. The proceeds will be donated to the Refugee and Social Welfare Council.

The match will be played under the patronage of Major General A. E. Grasett, General Officer Commanding.

Fowler's Great Game In Defence

By "Sportshawk"

FOLLOWING A VERY hard fought match "H.Q." Company of Royal Scots at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, lost to "H.Q." Company of Middlesex, who thus entered the final of the 'Small Units' Knockout Football Competition.

The winners were best served by their pivot, Bright, and inside-left, Sheehan, both Interporters. The former played a brilliant game throughout, being very impressive both with his spoiling and distribution, while the latter made many scoring opportunities.

Apart from these two players, Revell was very steady in defence and Smith held his own well at left-half, while Pearson and Moggeridge formed a strong right flank attacking unit.

On the whole, the Middlesex team displayed very sound combination and dominated the greater part of the play.

For the Scots, Salter, although twice beaten was quite sound between the sticks and Fowler, right back, distinguished himself. The

latter player broke up many opposition attacks and it is safe to say that without him a larger score might have been registered against them.

Parnaby was the only one to shine in the intermediate line for the Scots, while Holden and Gilroy were the pick of their forwards.

Pearson scored the opening goal through a penalty against Fowler for hands in the first half, while Moggeridge registered the final goal after robbing Salter of the ball in the second period.

"H.Q." Coy., Middlesex:—Michin; Stickley and Revell; Jackson, Bright and Smith; Moggeridge, Pearson, Hymes, Sheehan and Endersby.

"H.Q." Coy., Royal Scots:—Sal-

KOWLOON CHESS SURPRISE

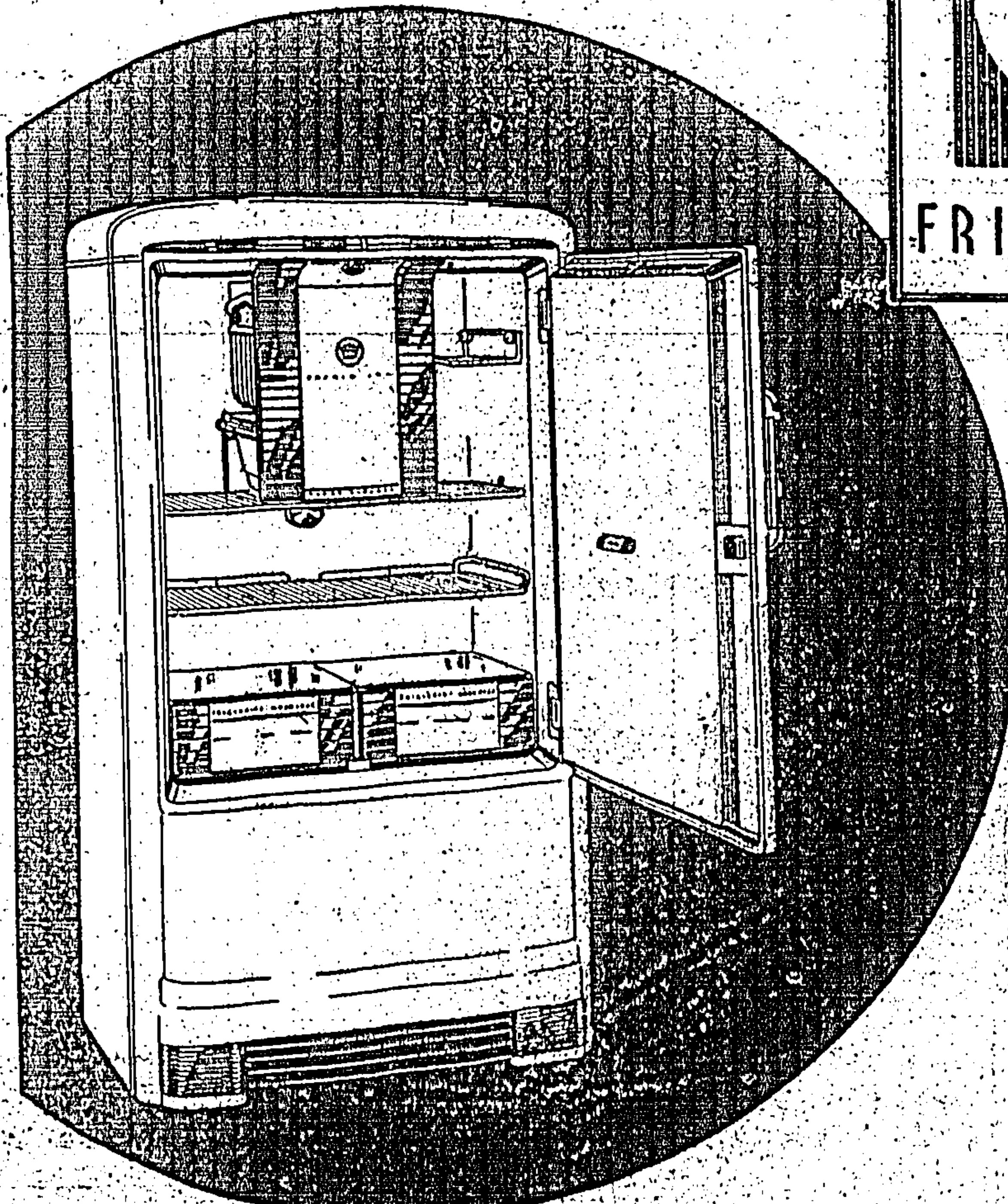
A surprise feature of yesterday evening's programme in the Kowloon Chess Club Tournaments was the defeat of K. M. A. Barnett, the Colony Champion, by A. Y. Biriukoff.

Biriukoff, who had only the day before beaten D. E. de Carvalho, has thus assumed the lead in Section "B" of the Senior Tournament.

In other Senior games, L. Karpovich beat K. Weiss and D. E. de Carvalho beat W. Lee while the game between M. W. Olsufeff and B. D. Evans ended in a draw as did that between C. M. Sequeira and G. S. Coxhead. In a Junior Tournament game, J. Grefalda beat F. A. Fabel.

ter; Fowler and Fraser; Gibb, Gibson and Parnaby; Stevens, Gordon, Holden, Bally and Gilroy.

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DUSSELDORF BOMBED FOR TWELVE HOURS BY R.A.F.

Heavy Raids From North Germany To Turin

RAIDS ON GRAZIANI BASES

In the Western Desert, El Adem, Sollum and Sidi Barani were bombed on Tuesday night, stated an Air Ministry news bulletin yesterday.

Aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron successfully raided stores and dumps on the road east of Chelga. The dumps were burnt out.

A direct hit completely wrecked the railway station building at Adarte, while goods trucks on sidings and a group of huts in the station were also badly damaged.

One of our reconnaissance aircraft failed to return but with this exception all these operations were carried out without loss.—Reuter.

AIRCRAFT GIFT FROM N.Z.

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, in cabling a message of thanks to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, for gifts amounting to £16,453 received from New Zealand, says: "Were any fresh evidence necessary of the devotion of the people of your Dominion to the Empire's cause it would be overwhelmingly provided by the contribution sent me by your High Commissioner in London for the purchase of fighter air-

Italy's Main Arsenal Heavily Hit

R.A.F. BOMBERS on Wednesday night made an attack on various objectives in the Dusseldorf area where fires and explosions resulted from the bombing.

Another force of British aircraft, states the Air Ministry, bombed selected targets at Turin and considerable damage was observed by bomber crews.

Other targets attacked included the ports of Antwerp and Calais and several enemy aerodromes, as well as searchlight and anti-aircraft gun positions.

One British aircraft is missing from the operations over Italy but all other aircraft returned safely.

The big Mannesmann Rehrenwerke armament works, employing some 8,000 people, railway yards in the Derendorf district, quays and dockyards along the Rhine and at Dusseldorf, and coal and gas plants were among the main objectives of our raids.

There was much cloud but the first arrival was lucky in finding a gap and over a dozen fires followed the bursts of his high explosive and incendiary bombs.

craft. Our hearts are uplifted and our spirits fortified by this magnificent gesture of support." — British Wireless.

12-Hour Attack

Our aircraft continued to raid Dusseldorf at intervals for nearly 12 hours.

One pilot saw "fifteen to twenty good fires" in an around the Derendorf railway yards and the flare of fires striking up through the cloud banks told of crippling damage.

Turin Arsenal

The Royal Arsenal at Turin was the chief objective of our attacks on Italy and much was done to reduce the arsenal's output of guns, tanks, ammunition and other instruments of war.

The British pilots flew through dense cloud until they reached the Alps, but the clouds suddenly cleared and visibility over Turin was excellent.

First news of the raid received in England was a message from one pilot: "Raid successful, weather perfect," states the Air Ministry news service.

Several hours later the first of the aircraft returned.

Fiat Works Hit

On the way to the arsenal one bomber placed a stick of bombs across the Fiat works but the majority of the attackers concentrated on the Royal Arsenal.

Flares were dropped and a large fire started immediately. Grey smoke curled up for 2,000 to 2,500 feet.

Other bombers quickly appeared and for two hours, beginning shortly after nine o'clock, they bombed the arsenal.

Fires and explosions were so numerous, according to the report of one pilot, that it was impossible to distinguish the effect of bombs falling among them.

Fierce Explosion

Seven minutes after the last bomber left on the return journey a fierce explosion was heard and flames shot up again and were visible for 50 miles on the homeward journey.

Large fires were also started at the Fiat works.

Two bombs burst on the roof and one large explosion was observed.

A subsidiary Fiat factory, manufacturing both motor and aero engines was also attacked. Two sticks of bombs burst directly on the main buildings after which a glow was visible, and later it was clearly seen that an internal fire was raging. — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Greeks have captured Santi Quaranta, the Albanian port, according to an International News Service message just received.

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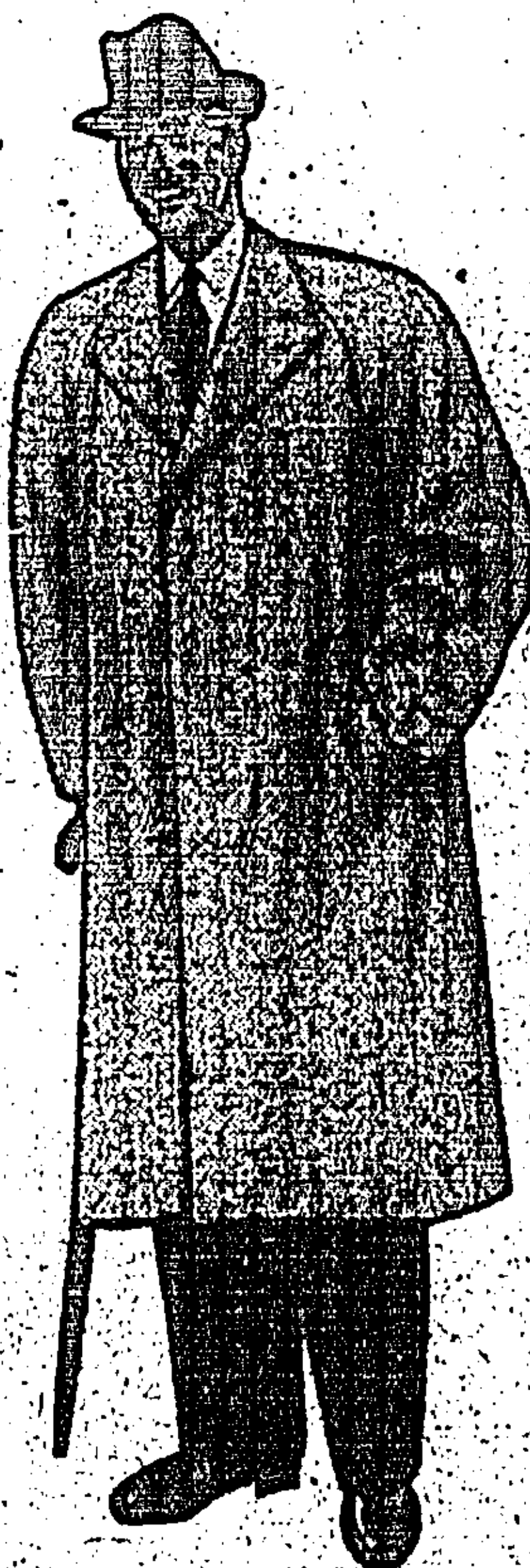
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Greeks Enter Coastal Port In Course Of Night

JAPANESE PLAY AN OLD TRICK

A new and important angle to the Japanese blockade of the western outside roads area in Shanghai appeared with the operation of Japanese-owned buses along certain streets of the zone.

These are operating on the routes of vehicles of the British-owned China General Omnibus Co., which have not been permitted in the area since the start of the blockade.

It is understood that the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Consular Body are gathering the facts in order to file a strong protest on the operation without franchise, licence or any other authority, of buses along what are still considered extra-settlement roads. — Reuter.

ANOTHER KWANGTUNG BATTLE NEAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shiukwan reports indicate that the Japanese armed forces at Canton are preparing for another drive northwards along the Canton-Hankow Line, the object being to clear the line to Hankow.

A military spokesman said that four Japanese divisions are massed near Canton for this purpose. — International News Service.

German Attempt To Arrange Peace Settlement

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GREEKS OCCUPIED SANTI QUARANTA DURING THE NIGHT, ACCORDING TO ADVICES FROM ATHENS QUOTING THE LATEST GREEK COMMUNIQUE.

It is reported that the occupation was completed before midnight and that the Greek forces inland have reached the gates of Tepelini but were repelled by the Italians after a half hour battle with grenades and bayonets.

Argyrokastron is reported to be on the brink of capture, with the Greek vanguards hot on the heels of the retreating Italians.

The town is completely encircled by the Greeks who have taken as their slogan "Celebrate Christmas in Tirana."

Except for a desperate rear-guard covering the retreat it is understood that all Italian troops evacuated Santi Quaranta.

It is reported that the main Italian garrison abandoned Argyrokastron before its encirclement. The garrison's radio went silent on Wednesday night.

German Peace Proposal

It is reported that a German proposal to end the Italo-Greek war has been delivered to General Metaxas, the Greek Premier, by the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, at a secret meeting at Salonika.

The German Ambassador, Franz von Papen, is said to have handed M. Sarajoglu a peace formula in Ankara several days ago, supposedly offering German mediation and certain concessions to Greece, Greek and Turkish political sources neither confirm nor deny.

BRITISH AID TO CHINA

Regarding persistent reports concerning British credits to China, Reuter learned in Chungking yesterday that while no details can be obtained, some form of British assistance to China will be forthcoming as the result of conversations between the British and Chinese authorities. — Reuter.

AGENTS TO RELIEVE PRESSURE

THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE HAS AUTHORIZED THE ANGLO-CHINESE GENERAL TRADERS CORPORATION, NO. 159, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, TO ACT AS AGENTS.

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ISOLATIONISTS OPPOSE CREDITS TO BRITAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CREDITS FOR BRITAIN, of an unspecified nature, received cautious encouragement from the Administration, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, the Secretary of Treasury, telling his press conference that Britain was "a good risk" for loans.

The statement drew satiric rejoinders from Senate isolationists who contend that loans to Britain will reduce to vanishing point the chances of the United States staying a non-belligerent.

Senator Clark, recalling that the State Department even now is preparing the despatch to Britain of the semi-annual reminder of the \$5,000,000,000 Great War Debt, told newsmen that Britain "is obviously a bad risk."

Senator Gerald Nye proposed that before considering credits Congress investigate Britain's capacity to continue paying cash. The United States, buttressing the Western Hemisphere's economic defence, yesterday promised \$100,000,000 credit to Argentina, it was announced in Washington.

Precedent Set

Senator Taft, in a speech on the floor of the Senate, voiced suspicion that the tapping of the \$2,000,000,000 Stabilisation Fund for aid to Argentina and China, would set a precedent for similar loans to Britain, thus circumventing the Neutrality Act. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

the report. It is pointed out that Greece and Germany continue to maintain diplomatic relations. — International News Service.

His Excellency the acting Governor, Lieutenant-General E. F. Norton, will be host to some 500 Boy Scouts at Mountain Lodge to-morrow afternoon.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of food and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit hold dry three types of food, a dry all-purpose compartment for maintaining delicacies such as butter, milk and berries. The second compartment is designed to generate a moist heat for cooked meats, poultry, vegetables, retailed in their original flavour, and the third compartment is power-driven for quick freezing of foods designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely the usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours.

Another advance in refrigeration is a new steam door which keeps two doors open. On the first door, which is in shelves to hold food, is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

The new refrigerator, according to Philco engineers, represents the most important step in food preservation since the development of the electric refrigerator itself.

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SOVIET'S REBUFF TO JAPAN

Important Statement On Sino-Soviet Relations Assistance To Be Continued

THE DECLARATION JUST MADE TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BY THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO THAT "THE POLICY OF THE SOVIET UNION TOWARDS CHINA REMAINS UNCHANGED," IS THE FIRST IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS FOR FOUR MONTHS.

Last such pronouncement was made by the Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov, on August 1, when he declared: "Regarding our relations with great National China, which is fighting for its existence, they are as ever good-neighbourly and friendly, in accordance with the Soviet-Chinese Non-Aggression Pact."

China's Steel Industry

CHINA WILL BE PRACTICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN STEEL BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR AND ABLE TO COVER MOST OF HER MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL NEEDS.

This announcement was made in Chungking yesterday by an official of the Ministry of Economic Affairs after a conference of 30 Chinese iron and steel experts.

This year metal production has been 30 per cent. above last year. Within the next six months, it is claimed, four-fifths of the new furnaces will be at work reaching maximum output at the end of 1941. — Reuter.

While the new statement made to Japan does not necessarily imply any setback to recent efforts to normalise Soviet-Japanese relations, it does give the lie to many rumours by publicly reaffirming Soviet friendship for China, as represented by the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

Nor does the statement lose in significance in that it made a response to the notification by Tokyo that the anti-Communist Article in the agreement just concluded with the Nanking regime is not directed in any way against the Soviet and will not affect Japan's desire to adjust her relations with the Soviet.

Japan Red-Hot

The "Red Star," organ of the Soviet Army, discussing the international situation yesterday, noted that both Britain and the United States reacted quickly to the announcement of the Nanking agreement.

Regarding the internal situation in Japan the newspaper declares that Prince Konoye's political and economic measures are arousing resentment. The "Red Star" adds: "The internal political situation is so red hot that the Army and Navy Ministers have had to demand the suppression of rumours and the activities of those who are trying to undermine the Government." — Reuter.

FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA

INVESTIGATIONS INTO ANTI-DEMOCRATIC PROPAGANDA BY THE FIFTH COLUMN IN CUBA AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SPANISH CONSUL-GENERAL, SENOR RIESTRA, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE SPANISH FALANGE PARTY IN CUBA—WAS DEMANDED YESTERDAY BY A COMMITTEE OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN HAVANA.

In a resolution they urged a Congressional investigation similar to the Dies Committee on Un-American activities in the United States, and called upon the Government to define its foreign policy. — Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN ANHWEI

Severe fighting is going on in the central Yangtze Valley in the vicinity of Fongtsch, below Kiating according to reports received in Chungking yesterday. The Japanese are said to have launched attacks on Chinese positions on the south bank of the Yangtze, where the Chinese have been threatening Japanese shipping plying between Shanghai and Hankow. — Reuter.

PLIGHT OF DANISH FARMERS

The plight of Danish farmers since the Germans occupied their country is shown in a somewhat amazing broadcast over the Nazi-controlled Danish radio station.

Here are some pertinent facts, as given by the radio station itself: —

Pigs are so under-nourished that their bones have become fragile and many pigs break their legs on the way to market.

The number of sows has been cut by nearly 50 per cent.

Horned-cattle stock has been reduced by 250,000.

Danish cows and heifers have seldom looked so scraggy.

Barns, which should be full of fodder for the winter, give the impression of April, not November.

Farmers are faced with the problem of either selling their stock for slaughtering or trying to get through the winter by half under-feeding the animals. There is only a small stock of super-phosphate for putting on the fields left.

Milk and butter produced in September was 25 per cent less than a year ago, and there has been a further fall since then. — Reuter.

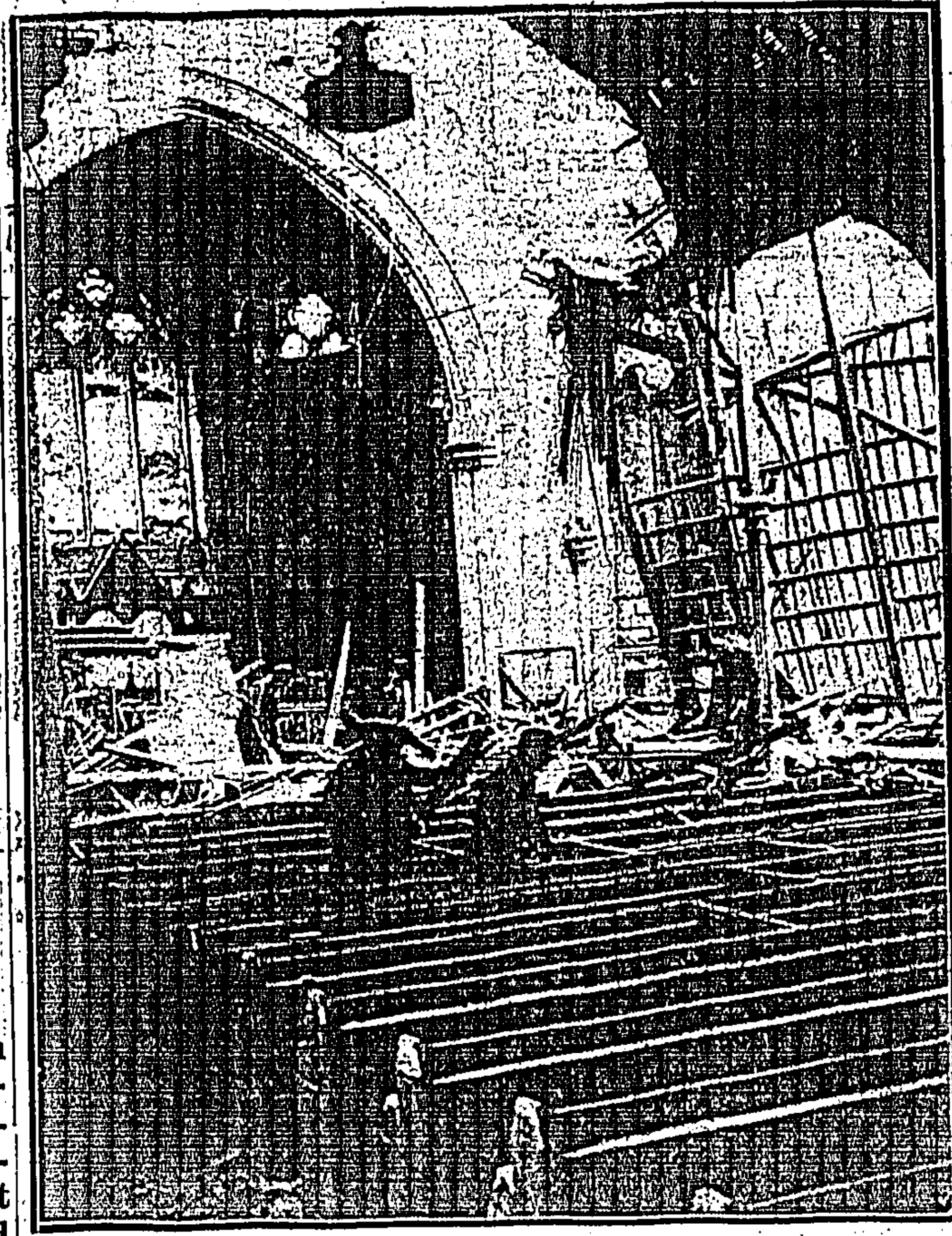
EAGLE SQUADRON

THE "EAGLE SQUADRON" OF THE R.A.F. — COMPOSED OF AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS — WAS ENTERTAINED AT LUNcheon YESTERDAY BY CAPTAIN BALFOUR, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR AIR.

He said: "The Eagle Squadron symbolises the common determination of the United States and the British Empire to preserve their rights to lead national and individual lives free from domination by the heel of Nazidom." — Reuter.

BAND CONCERT AT K.C.C.

The Band of the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots, assisted by Captain T. A. Thompson (Bass), will give a concert at the Kowloon Cricket Club to-morrow at 8.15 p.m. in aid of the S.C.M.P. & H.K. Telegraph Bomber Fund. Table Seats: Ladies \$1.00 and Gentlemen \$1.50 can be reserved at the Club. The concert is to be followed by a dance.



Raid damage in the North-East of England. Interior of a wrecked church in a North-Eastern town. Scaffolding and walls have been torn down by the explosion. Workmen are clearing debris from the aisle and pews. (Copyright, Fox).

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY PLAN TO BE REVIVED

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT intends to ask Congress to approve the treaty with Canada for completion of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project. The President made this announcement to the Great Lake Seaway and Power Conference in Detroit yesterday.

KING AT SOUTHAMPTON AND POMPEY

The King yesterday saw what the Nazi bombers had done to Southampton, and standing by the bombed civic centre he chatted to air raid wardens when the air raid alarm sounded and a single Nazi spotting plane was seen flying high while bursts of A.A. shells appeared around.

The King went on to Portsmouth, where again there was an air raid during the Royal visit.

The King saw some of the men who brought over the recently acquired American destroyers.

Thousands of sailors and workmen cheered as the King walked through the dockyards. — Reuter.

DYNAMITE ON JUNK

Hung Wing-po, 32, clerk in charge of a junk at Shaikwan, was fined \$40 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, for possession of 34 sticks of dynamite and 32 detonators without a licence.

The St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty was signed in Washington in July, 1932. The treaty was, however, defeated in Congress two years later, partly due to lobbying exertions by railway and other interests who feared that existing channels of commerce in the United States would be adversely affected if an ocean-going steamers could sail up the waterway into the heart of the Great Lakes, thus obtaining direct access to the great distributing centres of the Middle West.

In his message yesterday President said: "It is now a vital necessity to complete this seaway which is comparable in economic value to the Panama Canal."

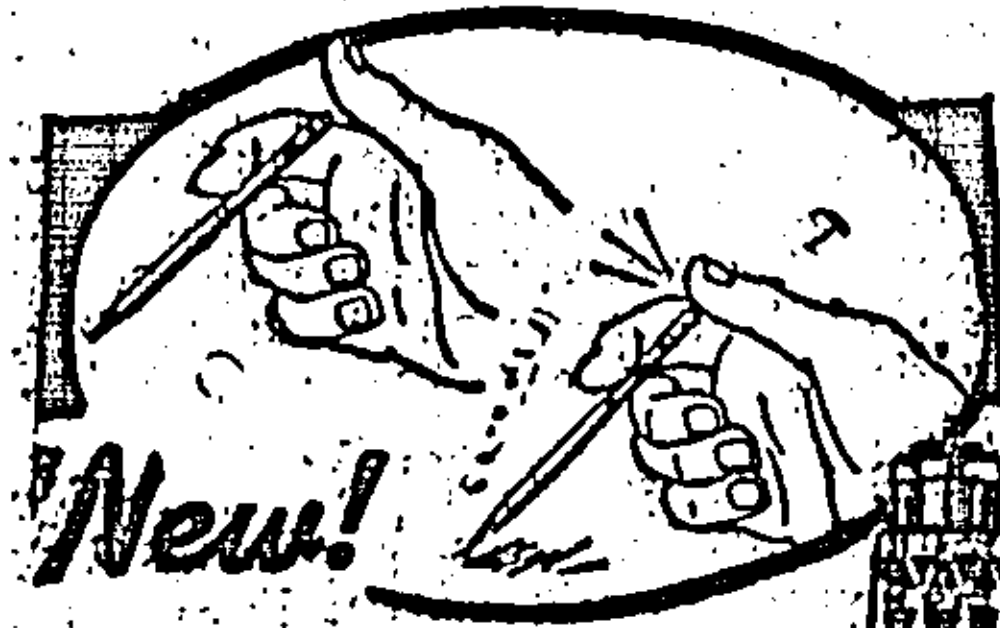
President Roosevelt added that the project would provide millions of units of electrical energy "which we need to speed up production for defence."

He concluded: "Much of our national safety and welfare depend on the completion of this project." — Reuter.

HELLENIC TRADER

The Panama ship, "Hellenic Trader" which went aground on Monday in the Hainan Straits and which is now anchored at Hong Kong for repairs, it was learned from the local agents to-day.

The agents are now ascertaining whether it will be necessary to tow the vessel back to Hong Kong or whether it will be able to return under its own steam.



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War For A Way Of Life: Mr. Attlee's Commons Speech

The Maxton Fallacy

REPLYING FOR THE Government to the Debate on the Speech from the Throne in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. C. R. Attlee addressed his remarks to Mr. James Maxton, who proposed the amendment to the Speech and who covered the ground of his colleagues' arguments with all his accustomed vehemence.

Mr. Attlee declared there was a fundamental fallacy throughout Mr. Maxton's speech. It was that there was a choice between on one side, a terrible war, and on the other, all the beauties of peace.

"I am not," said Mr. Attlee, "in a position to say when our war aims will be stated but I can say we are trying to establish a peace of all free peoples such as we civilised peoples understand it, which is not a peace in which everybody is subdued to the will of one man or one nation."

"You must replace anarchy by ordered peace and must base that ordered peace on ordered justice."

"We want to build a new world on a foundation of liberty — on giving the individual in every nation an opportunity to recognise to the full his or her personality."

"It is directly there that you come up against the Fascist idea that the individual is nothing."

Cannot Lay Down Law

"We believe you can broaden and expand the principles we have adopted here — not adopted only but extended steadily to the British Commonwealth and throughout the British Empire — an extension of wider political, personal and economic liberties." In conclusion Mr. Attlee said: "We cannot lay down the law to the rest of the world and we do not wish to do so. We can only say here is our way of life."

Mr. Attlee sat down amid some of the warmest Ministerial cheers heard for some time past.

The Independent Labour Party amendment to the Address was defeated by 341 votes to 4 and the Address was adopted. — Reuter.

McGovern Argument

The Commons was debating the amendment to the King's Speech put down by the Independent Labour Party regretting that "Government has failed to set forth the terms upon which a truce might be made" and suggesting the calling of a conference by means of which "the war might be brought to an early conclusion." Mr. McGovern, in moving the amendment, said a growing number of British people believed the conflict should be ended and could be held if reason was allowed to supersede brute force.

If Herr Hitler made a speech in the Reichstag, he continued, the Prime Minister should make a reasoned reply in the Commons, placing the heads of the German State with questions as to what kind of world he envisaged after the war and what he intended to do in certain countries to-day under Nazi domination.

Seconding the Amendment Mr. Campbell Stephen said the Independent Labour Party, just as members of other parties, dreaded the possibility of a German victory.

Moral Gesture

The time had come when Britain should make a great moral gesture to the world and offer peace to the other side on a basis of justice to all people and thus give hope to

the great mass of workers in every country.

The first speaker to oppose the amendment was Mr. James Griffiths, member of the Labour Party, who, citing the example of Marshal Petain's actions, said the question before Britain was not peace or war but capitulation or survival.

Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) also opposed the amendment and Mr. James Walker, Labour member for Motherwell, said if the amendment had been put before the National Labour Conference it would have been overwhelmingly defeated.

Winding up the debate in favour of the amendment Mr. James Maxton said the majority of people in the world prefer peace.

Liberty And Justice

The Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Attlee, replying, asked those supporting the amendment whether they believed in liberty and social justice.

If Herr Hitler refused to listen to what they called a point of reason and rejected the plea for liberty and social justice put forward by supporters of the amendment, would they fight or give way?

Mr. Attlee said he had great respect for those who hold absolute pacifist views and spoke of the work done by George Lansbury.

"There is no one in the House who is not impressed by the horror of this war or the sight of mangled bodies and broken homes but there is something worse than the killing of the body and that is the killing of the soul," Mr. Attlee said amidst cheers.

"The great tragedy is that there is in the heart of Europe this great and talented race whose young men have been trained to go back to barbarism. A great many of the German people have been corrupted by this abominable dictatorship."

Hitler has this grip on Europe and his people and it is not going to be loosened by a few nice words from supporters of the amendment.

The ideas on which Hitler and Mussolini stood were not those of highly civilised human beings. The great difficulty confronting the Government was that Britain was up against a people who did not accept the beginnings of the foundations and delinquencies for modern civilisation. — British Wire Press.

SUCCESS OF GEN. WU'S TOUR

Nearly \$5,000,000 in contributions has been raised by South Seas Chinese as result of the tour of the Straits Settlements by General Wu Teh-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs. It was officially stated in Chungking yesterday. — Reuter.

The s.s. Fatshan returned from Canton at 5 p.m. yesterday with a capacity number of passengers on board.

ARMY'S LATEST MACHINE-GUN



Special factories have been built for the manufacture of the Beca machine-gun, the latest of its type to be adopted by the British Army. The gun is made in two calibres, 7.92 and 15 millimetres, or .312in. and .591in. Based on the principle of the Bren gun which has a calibre of .303 in., the same as the army rifle, the Beca can be mounted on tanks or used on the ground. From the 7.92mm. model approximately 3,000 rounds can be fired in 30 minutes without change of barrel. With the use of two barrels 7,000 rounds have been fired in 30 minutes. Eight hundred rounds have been fired from the 15mm. weapon in from eight to 10 minutes when two barrels have been used. The Beca Machine-Gun is shown above fitted in the Tank with a 2-pounder gun so that both can be used. (Cop/right, Fox).

ARREST IN DOUBLE MURDER

WITHIN FIVE HOURS OF A DOUBLE MURDER IN THE CHUNG HWA BOOK COMPANY'S PREMISES IN GILMAN'S BAZAAR EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, THE POLICE ARRESTED A CHINESE, ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED IN THE SAVAGE ATTACK ON TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE COMPANY.

The coolie, Wong Shu-kam, who was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital, died at 10.45 a.m. yesterday, the bodies of both men have been removed to the mortuary.

After investigation by the C.I.D., the police visited the Company's premises in Queen's Road Central, yesterday afternoon, and following interrogation, arrested one of the employees.

NEW TERRITORIES RELIEF ASS'N

Members of the New Territories Relief Association Committee acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the following donations and gifts towards the maintenance of the Clinics and Hospitals operating in the villages: — Mr. Aw Boon Haw \$1,000, Cheung Chau Elders \$100.00, Mr. Chan Harr \$30, Mrs. Rouse (4th parcel) socks for babies and Messrs. Nestle Milk Co. two cases of condensed milk each month.

FINED FOR ATTACK ON BROTHER

A fine of \$100 was imposed by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistrate's court this morning on Chan Fu-chue, 30, for wounding his brother with a chopper on November 23. Det. Sergeant W. Summers prosecuted.

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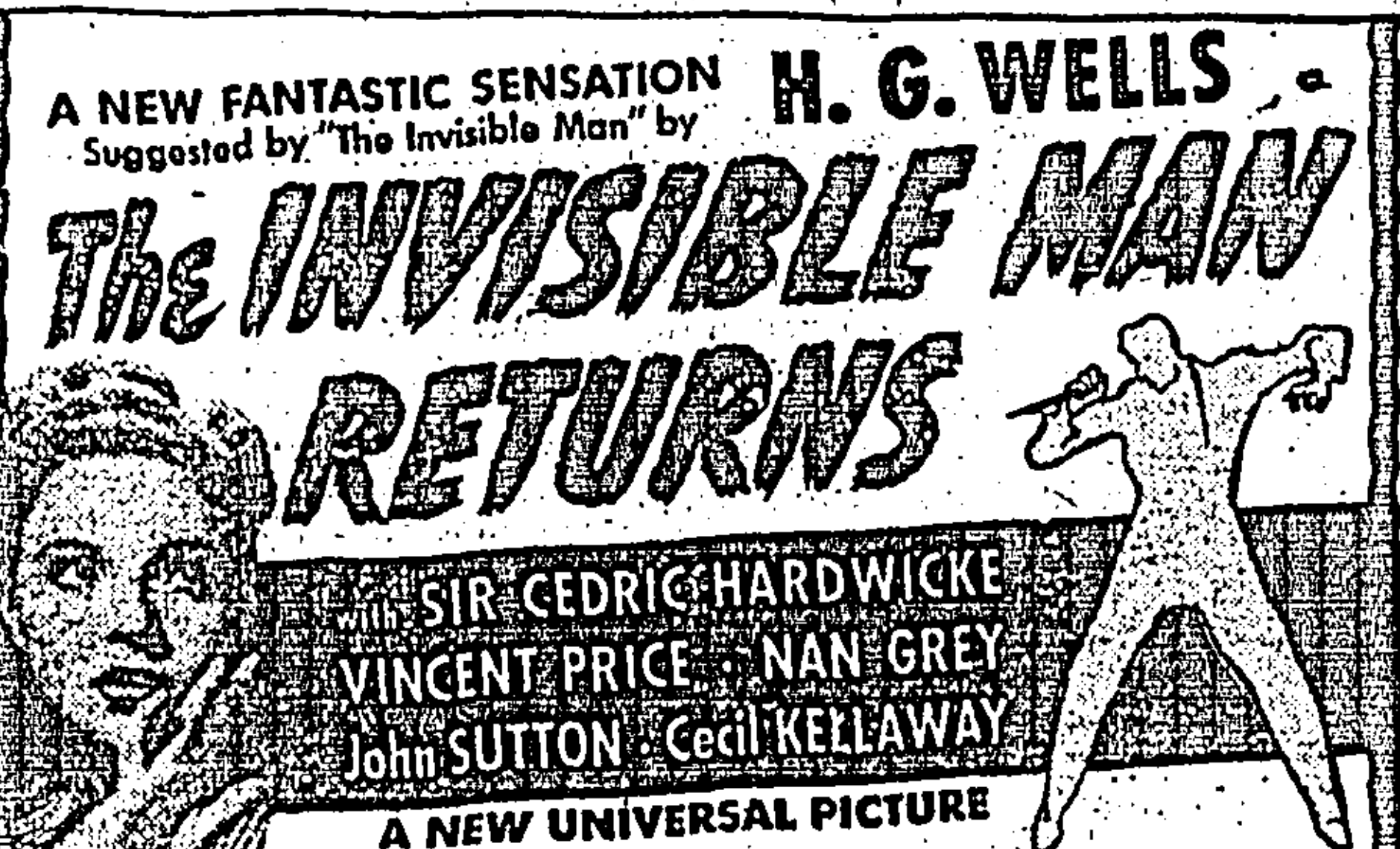
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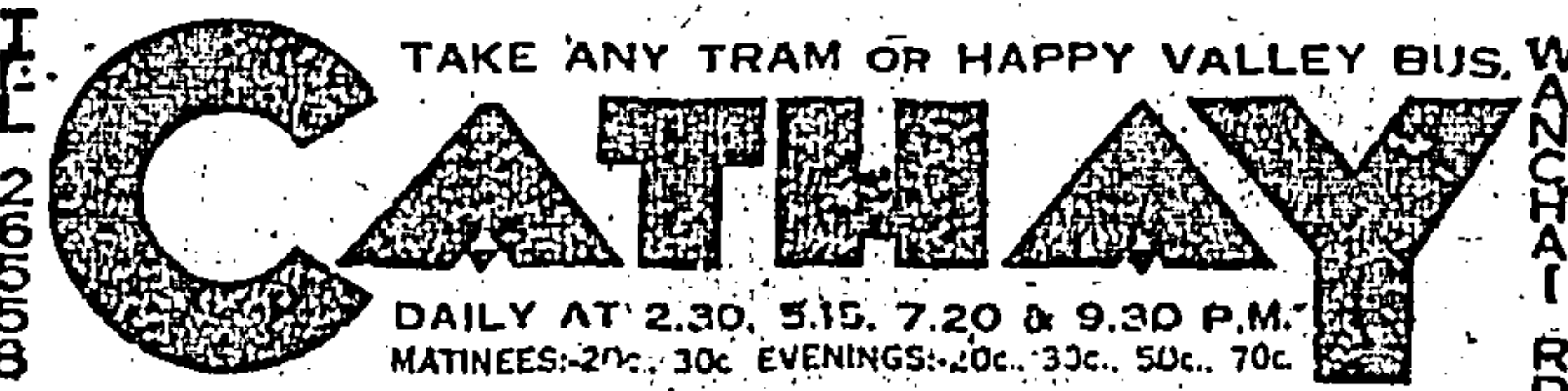
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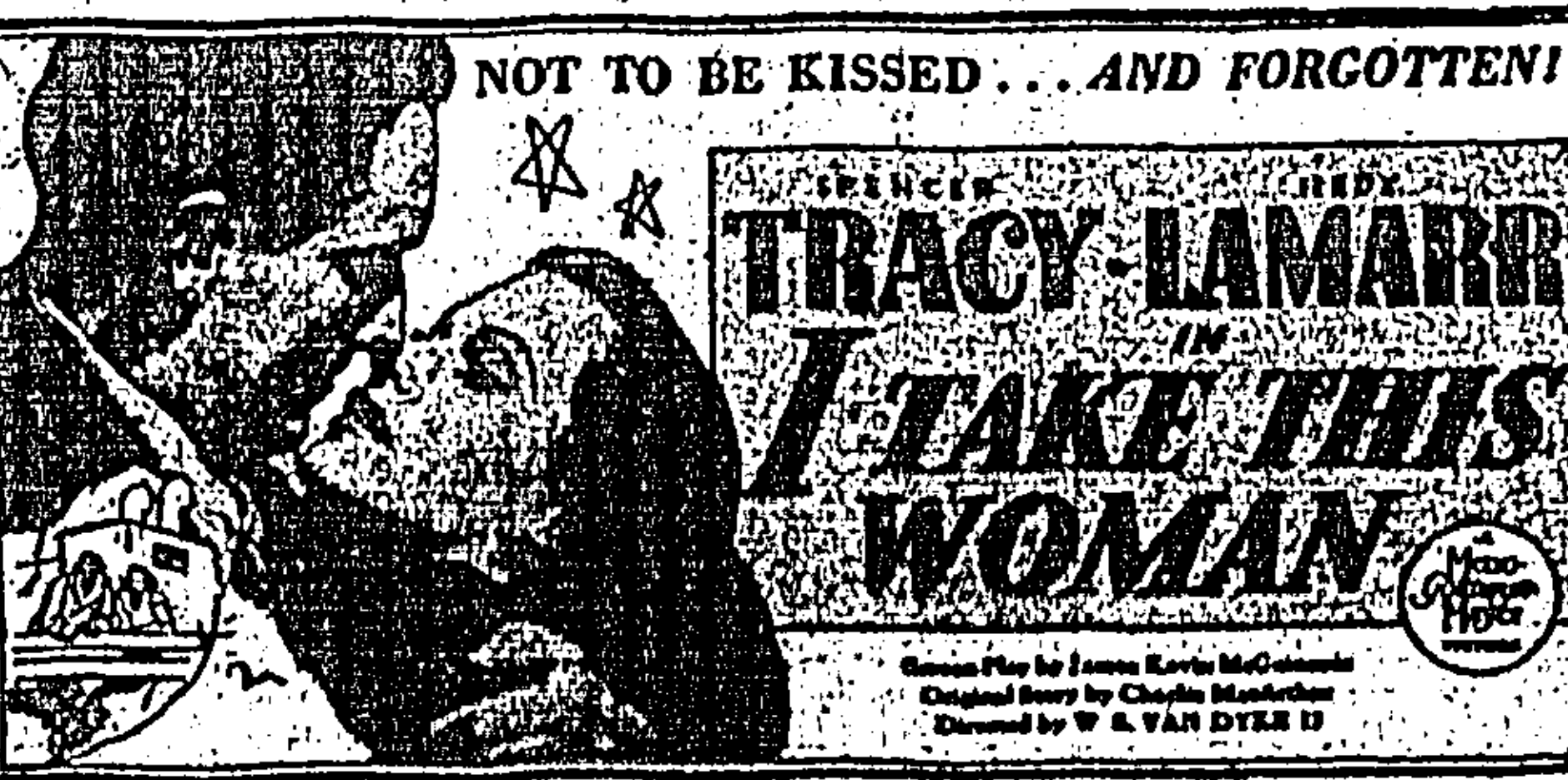


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BRITAIN INCREASES STRANGLEHOLD OF BLOCKADE

THE SIGNING OF AN Anglo-Turkish trade agreement was one of the most significant items in the news yesterday. Under this agreement, Britain will have a larger share in Turkey's markets, and the British Empire will become Turkey's chief customers.

The agreement is a smashing blow to the virtual monopoly in the Balkans which Germany had obtained by buying goods and not paying for them.

Turkey has large agricultural surpluses. In recent years, Germany has bought much of this on credit, and either not paid for them or forced on the Turks ship-loads of canaries and train-loads of aspirin.

Turkey was one of the first countries to resist this preliminary to German domination, and when Germany failed to pay cash restricted her exports. Germany still, however, got about half of her exports.

The agreement with Britain will completely alter the situation. Turkey will get machinery, railway equipment, cotton and wool.

Arrangements have already been made to ship locomotives and wagons, the delivery of which will once more prove Britain's mastery of the seas, as well as her ability to maintain her export trade even while a large part of her industry is making munitions.

Turkey will gain a large market for her agricultural produce and certain minerals, and this trade will be on a healthy basis because it will not be on Germany's barter-system.

Special Account

Under the Anglo-Turkish agreement, the trade balance will be settled promptly by payments from a special account in sterling.

The political importance of the agreement needs no emphasis. Turkey once more expresses her determination to stick to her alliance with Britain, and her distrust of Germany and contempt for German trade methods.

The agreement will, furthermore, deprive Germany of badly needed supplies and, therefore, reinforce the stranglehold of the British blockade.

In contrast with the Anglo-Turkish agreement is a pact by which Rumania is forced to buy German machinery and railway equipment at German prices. Rumanian products will also have their prices fixed by Berlin. — Reuter.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for the late Corps Superintendent Szeto Chung, S.B.S.T.J., will be held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, to-morrow, at 3.00 p.m.

The late Corps Superintendent Szeto Chung died at the Queen Mary Hospital on the 23rd October. He was the oldest Chinese member of the Brigade in the Colony, holding a First-aid certificate date 1908. He was a founder of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division and was promoted to Headquarter Corps in 1st June, 1930.

He was awarded with the Bellios Life Saving Medal in 1925, Service Medal in 1929, and Associate Serving Brother of the Venerable Order of St. John in 1934.

He was not only a prominent figure in the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade but was also well known in Chinese circles for his philanthropic activities and was for some time on the Boards of the Church of Christ in China, Missionary works in the New Territories and the Congregational Church of China.

AIRCRAFT GIFT FROM N.Z.

The Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, in cabling a message of thanks to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, for gifts amounting to £16,453 received from New Zealand, says: "Were any fresh evidence necessary of the devotion of the people of your Dominion to the Empire's cause it would be overwhelmingly provided by the contribution sent me by your High Commissioner in London for the purchase of fighter aircraft. Our hearts are uplifted and our spirits fortified by this magnificent gesture of support." — British Wireless.

The residence of Chan Man, at No. 53, Wellington Street, was entered and clothing and jewellery to the value of \$123 stolen yesterday.

AUSTRALIAN RECRUITING

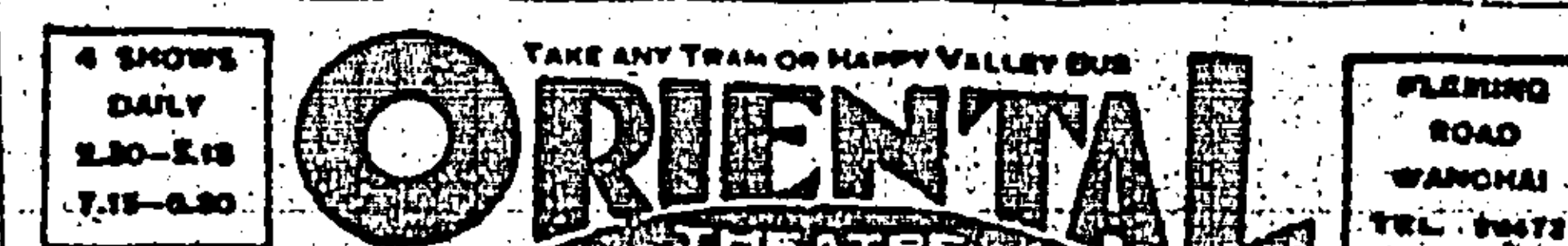
The army authorities in Australia are arranging for enlistments at the rate of 5,000 men monthly when recruiting for the Australian Imperial Force is resumed on January 29. Recruits will be trained as reinforcements for the three overseas divisions and for corps troops. — British Wireless.

SIR JOHN LATHAM ARRIVES

Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan, arrived in the Colony this morning en route to Tokyo.

He was met by Captain Batty-Smith, A.D.C. to His Excellency the acting Governor, Lieutenant-General F. Norton.

Sir John was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. P. Shaw. Mr. Shaw has been appointed Third Secretary to the newly created Australian Legation in Tokyo.

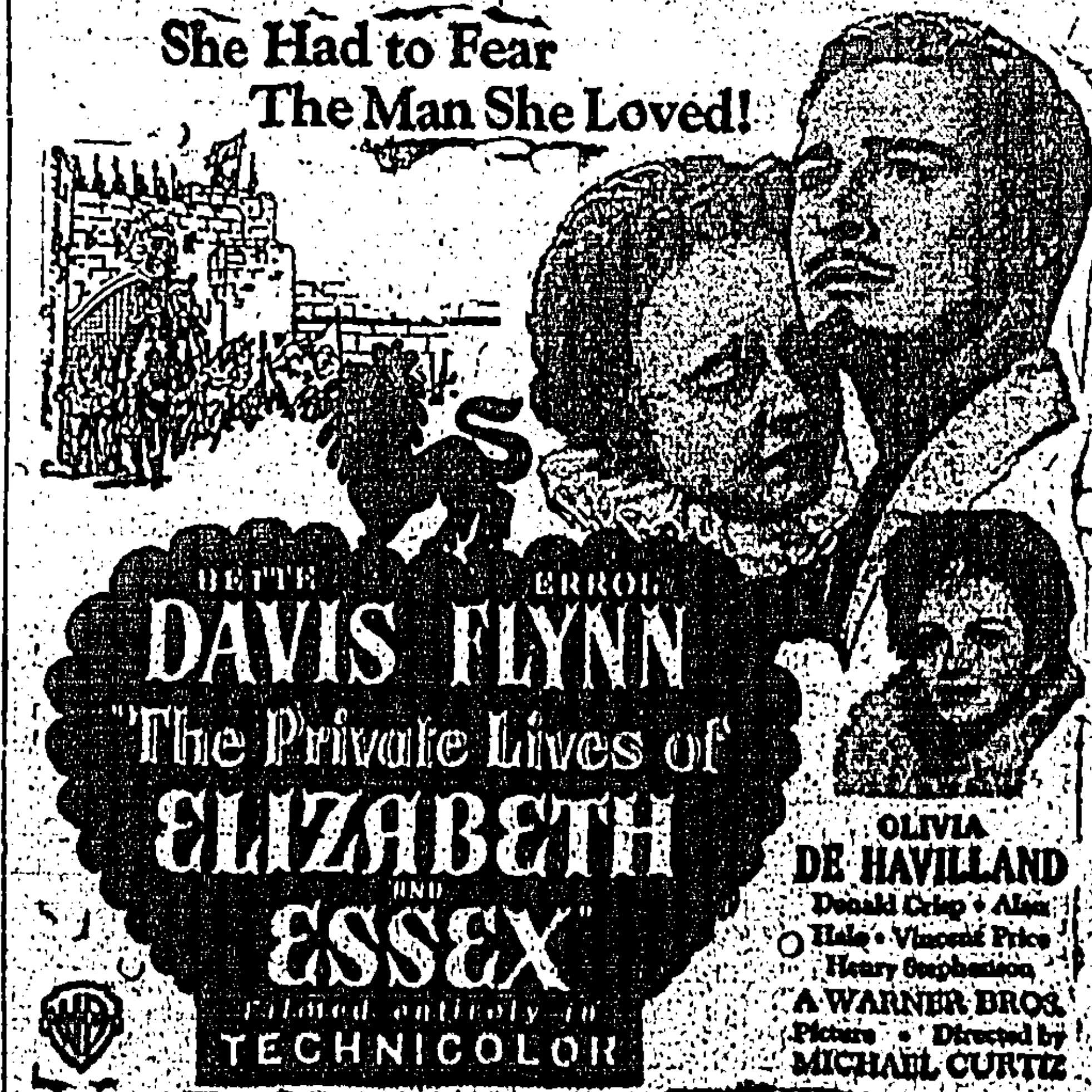


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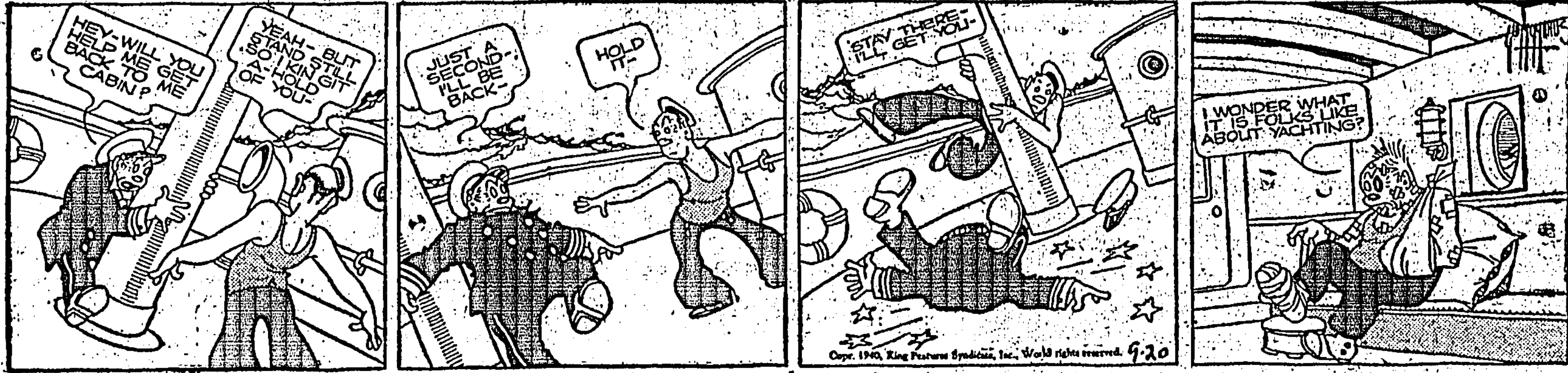
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ADD ALSO A PINCH OF SALT

Italy is relying upon oil supplies from Rumania and Albania, the Italian news agency stated yesterday.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" is quoted as saying that Italy's oil supplies are assured and that Britain therefore is mistaken in her calculations.

"Italy is receiving by reliable means a large quantity of oil from Rumania, and she can also use Albanian wells," the paper states.

"To this must be added alcohol distilleries established under the system of autarchy and national production of methane gas which completely suffices for civil and military needs."—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is moving eastward, pressure being highest over north Japan.

The depression appears to be stationary in the southern China Sea about 400 miles west-southwest of Manila.

Twenty cases of tuberculosis, eight of dysentery, two of measles and one each of typhoid and diphtheria were notified yesterday.

HITLER PUTTING OUT NEW PEACE FEELERS

THE IMPOSSIBILITY of making peace with Nazi Germany was expressed in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Clement Attlee, Lord Privy Seal and Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

He said that we cannot make peace with a people who do not accept the beginnings of modern civilisation.

"We hate to see mangled bodies and ruined homes, but there is something worse than killing the body — and that is killing the soul."

Hitler was thus given in advance the British answer to new peace feelers which he is putting out, semi-official sources in London commented yesterday evening.

There is once again talk in German-inspired quarters of the possibilities of a negotiated peace.

Hitler The Peacemaker!

Thus, a Budapest report spoke of a move for German mediation

in the Italo-Greek war.

Other reports were a bit vaguer and spoke of a "general settlement."

In London, the symptoms are well recognised.

From time to time, surreptitious feelers are put out by Hitler between his fits of blind fury marked by terror-bombings and propaganda predictions of eventual German domination.

During the last week, German propaganda has been saying that Britain's industry is crippled, her cities destroyed, most of her shipping sunk and her Empire on the verge of disintegration.

The Endangered

Having tried to convince Britain and the world that the Empire will be destroyed if the war continues much longer, Hitler imagines that he has produced the right frame of mind to save himself from the fate that awaits him.

But the fact that Germany should be canvassing the possibilities of a compromise peace is taken as more confirmation that it is not Britain but Germany herself which is in a very dangerous position. — Reuter.

FRENCHMEN WOUNDED

Two French railway employees were wounded; 14 Annamite and three Chinese workmen killed and 30 Annamites wounded when eight Japanese planes, coming from bases in French Indo-China, on Tuesday raided Tchechuen station and yards on the Yunnan railway 150 kilometres north of Hekow, the Indo-China frontier station.

Names of the wounded Frenchmen, it was stated in Chungking yesterday, are Castes and Clement. — Reuter.

MAGAZINE GAP ROAD ROBBERY

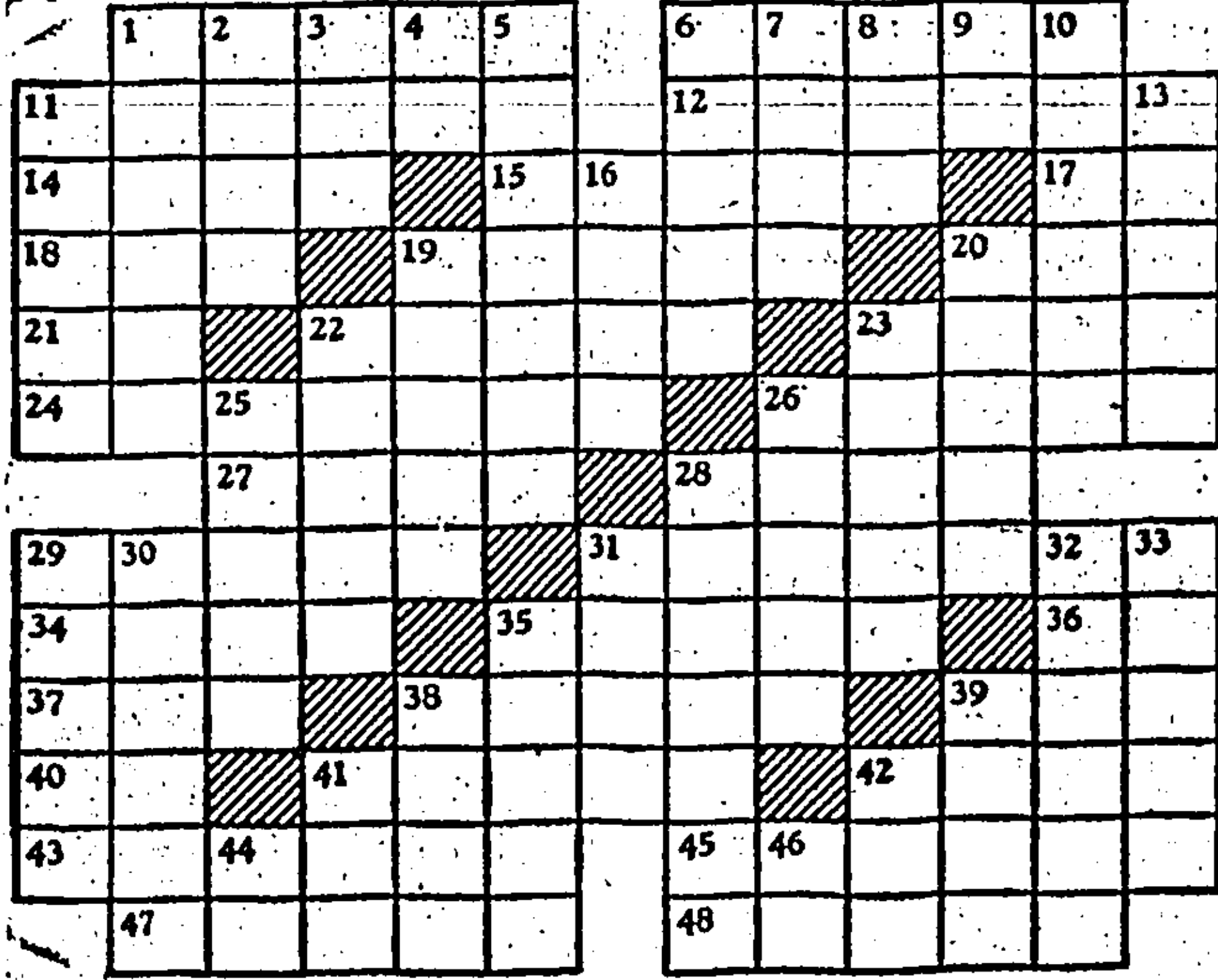
Mr. C. J. Manning, of No. 15A, Magazine Gap Road, has reported the theft of money and a clock, valued at \$115, from his residence between 1.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. yesterday.

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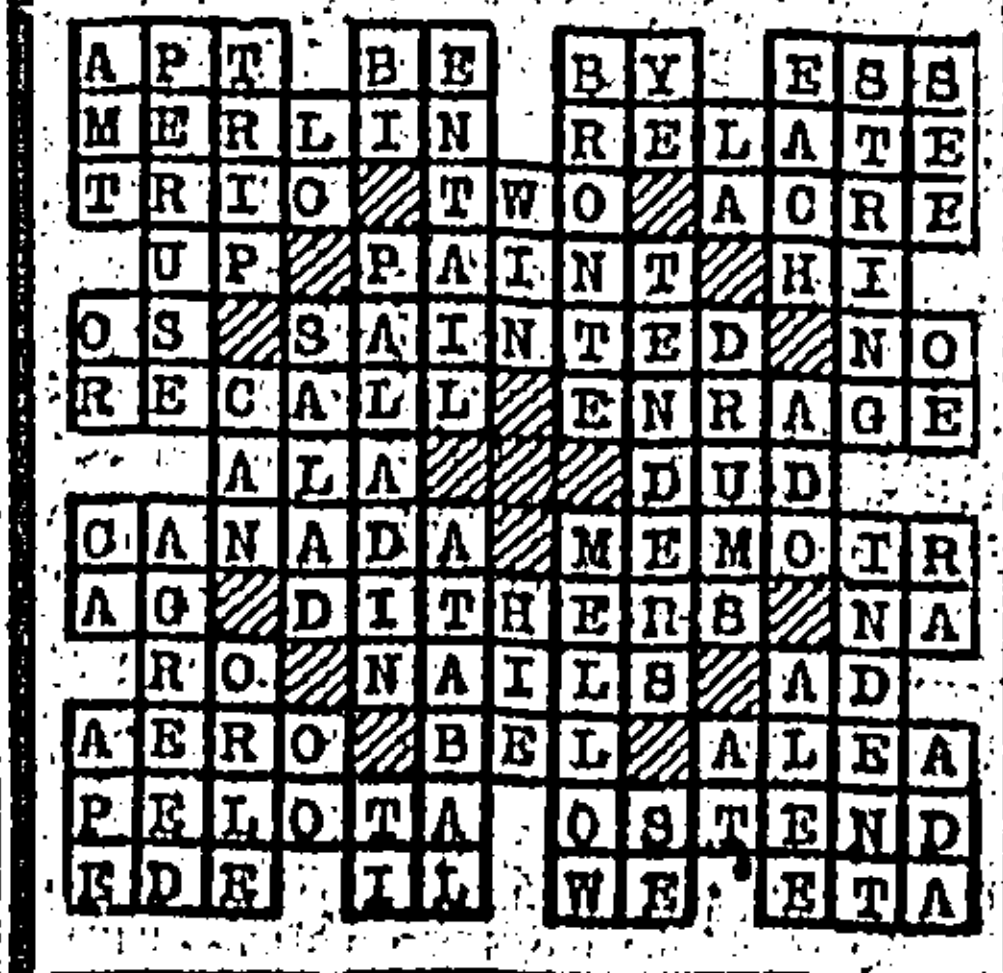
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Principal organ of the body
- 6 Opera stars
- 11 Of a rich quality
- 12 Prophecy
- 14 Tagalog: to learn
- 15 Splendor
- 17 Teutonic deity
- 18 Conducted
- 19 Criminal
- 20 A duet
- 21 Italian article
- 22 Cutting instrument
- 23 Favourites
- 24 Brought forward for consideration
- 26 Tenth of one's property
- 27 German river
- 28 Head of the Catholic Church
- 29 Disputes
- 31 Commander of an army
- 34 Precious stone
- 35 Cossacks

VERTICAL

- 1 To announce publicly
- 2 Ardour
- 3 Completely
- 4 Artificial language
- 5 To draw out carefully
- 6 Grief
- 7 Persia
- 8 Large tub
- 9 Symbol for actinium
- 10 Detective
- 11 Girl's name
- 13 Eaten away
- 16 Lump of clay
- 18 Fronts
- 20 To hinder
- 22 Rod
- 23 Musician
- 25 To distrust
- 26 Pertaining to sound
- 28 Flower with funnel-shaped leaves
- 29 Structure
- 30 Continent
- 31 British general
- 32 To adjust
- 33 Contract
- 35 Indignation
- 36 Masculine
- 38 Pointed rod
- 41 Exclamation to check rashness
- 42 Poem
- 44 Molten lava
- 46 Conjunction

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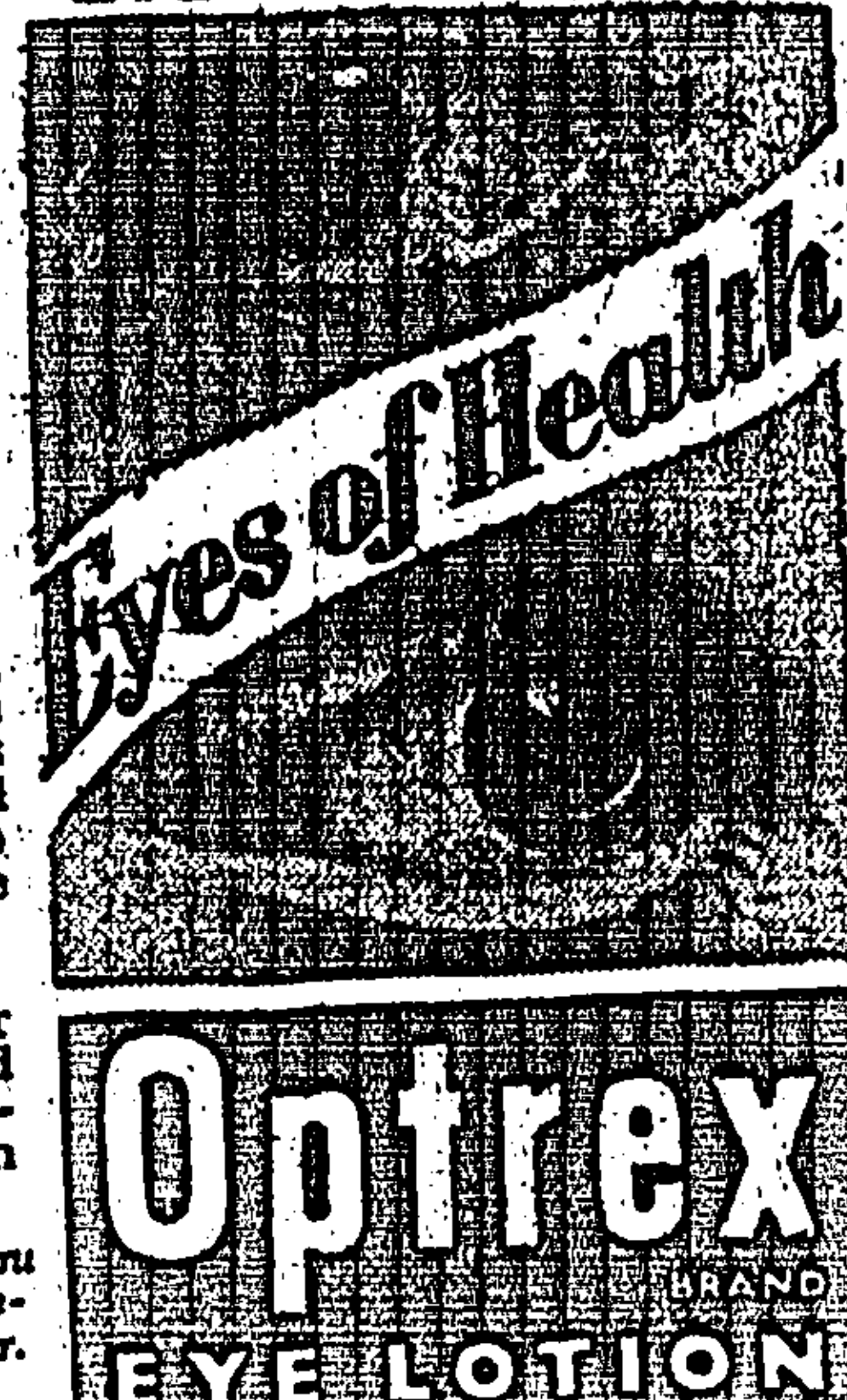
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Spitfires Scatter Nazi Raiders In All Directions

RAIDER SHOT DOWN INTO GROUNDS OF FACTORY

During one of the raids in the South-East of London a German bomber was shot down into the grounds of a factory. Installations were damaged.

There were few casualties as most of the workers had taken shelter.

The bomber is thought to have been shot down by the first salvo of shells from an A.A. battery.

FORMATIONS OF MESSERSCHMIDTS WHICH CROSSED THE SOUTH-EAST COAST OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY WERE SCATTERED IN ALL DIRECTIONS BY SPITFIRES WHICH CHASED THEM RIGHT ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

Bombs were dropped on one town but did no serious damage, while an unsuccessful attempt was also made to bomb some small ships in the Channel but the ships replied so effectively that the raiders were driven off.

In the evening heavy gun fire shook Channel towns as British and German long-range guns fought a violent artillery duel across the Straits of Dover.

The cannonade was continuing with unabated force after shelling had been in progress over an hour.

The number of enemy aircraft destroyed off the British coast yesterday was 15, including an enemy bomber shot down off the south-west coast.

The remainder were destroyed in combats in the south-east, states an Air Ministry communique.

Two British aircraft were lost but one pilot is safe.

One Squadron Gets Eight

One squadron of Spitfires yesterday shot down eight Messerschmidt 109's off the Kent coast without a single loss to themselves.

A Polish flying officer shot down his second machine in five days. — Reuter.

OFFICIAL U.S. LOAN ATTITUDE

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, agrees that Britain is a "good risk," he told his press conference in Washington yesterday referring to the statement by Mr. Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, the previous day.

Asked when Britain would require credits Mr. Morgenthau replied: "If I knew the answer it would not have been necessary for Sir Frederick Phillips, the British Treasury official, to come over."

Mr. Morgenthau added that so far as he knew Sir Frederick had come to the United States only to present actual information on British finances and resources available in the United States, and not to request a loan. — Reuter.

EGYPT'S NEW MINISTER

Abdul Haid Feadaoui Pasha was yesterday appointed Finance Minister of Egypt in succession to Hassan Bey Sadek, who becomes Minister of Defense.

The new Finance Minister is a Royal Councillor and lawyer of international fame.

He had been offered Cabinet posts many times previously but always refused them.

Hassan Bey Sadek is an engineering expert whose knowledge will be valuable to the Government in the air raid precautions programme. — Reuter.

Inspector Johnson.

Mr. Hast said that he had carried out all necessary measures during the Black-out. He had screened all windows and doors with thick curtains.

The summons against Capt. P. T. Ackland, of Kumaon Rifles Officers' Mess, No. 31, Cameron Road, was withdrawn as defendant has since left the Colony.

Others summoned before Major Macfadyen this morning were convicted and fines ranging from \$5 to \$15 were imposed.

EUROPEANS APPEAR IN BLACK-OUT CASE SUMMONSES

NO FEWER THAN 30 black-out summonses, including seven against Europeans, were heard by Major A. N. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The Europeans, summoned, were chiefly residents in the Tsimshatsui district and among them were two residents of the Peninsula Hotel.

The Hotel residents were Major C. Boon, and Mr. H. Maxey-Smith, residing in rooms No. 538 and No. 403, respectively.

Major Boon failed to prevent his room light from being seen from outside the Hotel at 4.45 a.m. on October 30 and Mr. Maxey-Smith at 4.50 a.m. the same morning.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton, of Deacons, pleaded guilty on behalf of Major Boon and Mr. Maxey-Smith, and expressed the extreme regret of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, who accepted full responsibility.

Mr. Marton stated that the Hotel had taken every precaution during the Black-out nights, instructing the electrician to disconnect the main-switches from 10.45 p.m. or 11 p.m. and to reconnect them not before 4.45 a.m. next morning.

This was done and these two residents, who went back shortly after 11 p.m. put on their room switches, and omitted to switch off although there was no light when they switched on.

The electrician re-connected at 4.45 next morning and the lights in those rooms went on accordingly.

The summonses were dismissed with a caution.

Cautioned

Mrs. Hall, of No. 4, Dorset Crescent, Kowloon Tong, was cautioned for allowing a light to be seen from her residence at 6.30 p.m. on October 30.

Mrs. Hall alleged that Sergeant Whitley, who came into her house at 6.20 p.m. to point out the offence, deliberately remained on the premises for four minutes to record the time of the offence as 6.30 p.m. She asserted that lights in police boxes in the Kowloon Tong area could be seen everywhere and that, in her opinion, this should also be counted as against the Regulations. She added that

she had screened every door and window in her house, except the kitchen and that from this source a light might possibly have been seen from outside, because she went into the kitchen to get a torch and put on the light for only a few minutes.

Sergeant Whitley pointed out that when he entered the premises, he saw a light in the living room which was on and visible from outside.

Mr. F. H. Irving, of No. 2, Carnarvon Road, was fined \$10 for allowing a light to be seen at 3.50 a.m. on October 30. He stated that the light was accidentally switched on by a boarder, who was very sick that night and had apparently forgotten the Black-out was still on when he went into the bathroom.

Candle Light

Lt. R. N. B. Brown, of No. 64, Nathan Road, top floor, who was fined \$5, said that he had taken every precaution during the Exercise, during which he screened all windows and doors and lit only a candle in the living room when he was reading. He, therefore, submitted that the reflection of the candle light could not directly be seen nor could it reflect off his house, except by reflection of the light from the top of the ceiling.

Col. H. D. Matthews, Chief Deputy Warden of Tsimshatsui District, who applied for the summons against Lt. Brown, said the light in question was very strong when he noticed it from a distance.

Because of a mistake by an A.R.P. Officer, who issued a summons apparently after taking down the wrong number of a house, the summons against Mr. W. F. Hast, of No. 3, Hart Avenue, was withdrawn at the request of

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STAGE DRESSING

The recognition of the Nanking Government by the Japanese is obviously a piece of stage dressing. Its object is to appease not China but the Japanese people who are heartily sick of this China incident.

Apart from the lure of Indo-China and the Netherlands East Indies and the desirability of changing direction of effort, the Japanese feel that this costly adventure in China ought to be liquidated.

The nation has been well nigh reduced to bankruptcy by the heavy expenditure on the war which has cost so much in life and wealth to Japan. That, however, would be tolerable if it brought any permanent territorial or economic gains. The Japanese army promised as the Germans did their countrymen, a short sharp profitable war and have now had to admit that they cannot carry out their promises. They are inextricably mixed up in China, with their vast armies, which cannot advance, and are finding it difficult to retreat. They proclaim that the terms they are offering are extremely generous, and furnish proof of their disinterested motives in invading and devastating the cities of China. It is quite obvious that this military experience has had a chastening effect upon Japan, since she has not only suffered economically but has had a severe military set back.

Nothing can disguise the fact that she has failed to realise her stated purpose in bringing China to her knees. What she has done is to set up a Quisling, but without having eliminated the real government.

The treaty of peace with China is meant to mark the end of the campaign and to convey the entirely wrong impression to the Japanese people that the new order in China has been established and that all that remains to be done is to clear up a certain amount of debris in the way of guerrillas and those who refuse to recognise the Nanking Government. The whole procedure is dishonest and childish, since Japan's task is not completed and never will be.

The real Chinese Government at Chungking has just been assured of American cooperation and financial assistance. The Burma Road is open and the Chinese armies more active than ever before.

If it were a real treaty of peace marking the conclusion of hostilities, then Japan would cease fighting and bombing cities and leave the pacification of China to Wang Ching-wei. Everyone knows what would happen in a month if she did so. The Nanking government cannot stand on its own feet, it must be supported and hedged round by Japanese bayonets.

The treaty of peace then is a sham and a piece of hypocrisy, but it will probably deceive the Japanese people and will facilitate the withdrawal of some Japanese troops from the interior.

All that Japan wants and always did want is a weak disunited China. When the Chinese closed their ranks under General Chiang Kai-shek, Japan stepped in and provided the destructive force, now she seeks to step out, hoping that she will leave China once more for an indefinite period in a state of civil war.

Her wishes may be realised but only for a short time, seeing that her recent adventure has strengthened and consolidated the free people of China and those who seek to be free. That of course comprises the whole nation.

It is obvious that in the course of a year or two with the growing power of the nations that oppose her policy that Japan's retreat will be as rapid as her advance has been.

Japanese policy has been deplorable from the point of view of her own interests in recent years.

She banked on the isolationism of the United States, the preoccupation of Britain in Europe, the help of Italy and of Germany. Her adherence to the Axis gain-

R.A.F. Wakes Hitler From A Dream Of Conquest

By
Warren Irvin

The Air War Over Britain, newest phase of the European conflict, is clearly destined to have an important effect on the outcome.

In this article an accredited neutral observer discusses the facts so far, the prospects, and the implications of this great struggle.

The amazing success of the Royal Air Force in smashing the recent raids on Britain should not be permitted to engender over-confidence. The war in the air has not yet been won. Other, and more intensive raids, are almost sure to follow. Germany's air losses, though considerable, have not materially reduced the strength of her aviation. She still has vast reserves; and, when an opportune moment arrives, can be expected to throw them into the balance with utter disregard for planes and men alike. That is the German method.

But, at the same time, there can be no doubt as to the importance of the R.A.F.'s achievement. Here, as at Dunkirk, British planes and British pilots again have demonstrated their superiority—a superiority which should become more and more marked as the war progresses.

Not only have they rendered invaluable service in restoring British prestige in the eyes of the world; they have also dealt another blow to German morale. That morale, already at the 1917 level, is likely to be one of the deciding factors in the present war.

It is for this reason that I believe the most important result of the work of the Royal Air Force in the recent raids on Britain, has been its effect upon German plans for the invasion of England. Many people, I know, do not believe that Hitler intends, or ever intended, to invade Great Britain.

I do not share this view. Eight months of wartime experience in Germany have convinced me that when the Nazis boasted they would be in London by August 15th they fully expected to be.

Another winter of war is not a pleasing prospect for the German people. Memories of the last winter are still too fresh in their minds; memories of hunger and hardship, of privation, poverty and suffering; of shivering thousands from the poorer sections of the big cities crowding into railway stations in an effort to get warm.

If Germany hopes to win this war, she must conquer Britain, quickly and completely. But how she can attempt to do so; how she can even envisage an invasion, without mastery in the air, I do not see. Nor do I believe that Hitler does. And the Royal Air Force has proved conclusively that Germany, despite numerical superi-

ed for her no help, but antagonised a powerful neighbour. The signing of this pact was of the greatest assistance to Britain as it galvanised the American armament industry into life. It provided the stimulus that was lacking and crystallised the world position of the great nations.

With regard to the future not many statesmen would look for any kind of support from Italy, the nation which sold Chinese aeronautical plans to Japan, seeing that her position in the Mediterranean is now precarious.

Japan has made it plain in her so-called treaty with Nanking that her policy is to eliminate Russian influence from China. She can hardly hope therefore to get free from the fear of Russia on her northern border. Germany has men and material but she is shut in and cannot hope to get control of the highways of the ocean.

A Japanese statesman who surveys the world situation at the moment must be extremely disturbed in mind. Local temporary success he may have here and there, but nemesis is not very far off.

ority, is far from enjoying mastery in the air.

They Found No Weak Spot

The object of the recent raids is fairly obvious. There appears to be no question but that they were designed to feel out the strength of the British defences; to find, if

Mr. Irvin, noted American writer and broadcaster, and for thirteen years a staff correspondent on the "New York Times," spent the first eight months of the war in Berlin as an observer.

possible, a weak spot, which could be made the focal point of attack. Had such a spot been detected, mass assaults, with thousands of planes participating, probably would have followed; and would have been accompanied by invasions from sea and air in the best "blitz" fashion known to German technique.

But with each passing, the likelihood of such an invasion becomes more and more improbable. By Autumn, it may be too late; by Spring it may be impossible.

German aircraft production has not only reached its peak; it is under forced draught. All available workers are being employed.

True, Germany now has at her disposal the aircraft factories of France. But she hasn't the men to operate them, unless she uses French workers, and that can only be done at the risk of sabotage.

I don't know exactly how many planes the Germans have. Officials of the Propaganda Ministry assured me they had 30,000 at the beginning of the war. That, I think, is an exaggeration. My guess would be around 20,000, including commercial craft and training planes. But even then, I doubt if

the number of first-line German warplanes exceeds 6,000.

Germany's Lost Machines And Men

From reliable German sources I know that about 600 German planes were destroyed in the Polish campaign. Losses in Norway probably did not exceed 200, and may have been considerably less. In Holland, Belgium and France—including the action at Dunkirk—the Germans may have lost another 1,500; and I believe their losses, in and around the British Isles since the start of the war, are somewhere in the neighbourhood of 1,300.

So far as the planes are concerned, these losses, while considerable, are not necessarily serious. They may have been compensated by new construction. But the pilots are not so easily replaced as the planes. That is another matter.

Germany is none too well supplied with pilots—fighter pilots in particular. Young men are needed for this work; but young Nazis don't make the best pilots. They have been too regimented; their individuality has been stifled; they are not accustomed to thinking for themselves. And while they may perform brilliantly against undefended towns and helpless civilians, their ardour quickly cools when confronted by pilots of superior skill and courage.

Hence, as regards the future, the odds are all in Britain's favour. British aircraft production is rising steadily; and it has behind it the production of the United States, which also is making appreciable strides. Against these, Germany cannot hope to compete. It is only a question of time when even numerical superiority in the air must pass to the Allied side; numerical superiority in pilots, as well as planes, because Britain can continue to draw pilots from the Dominions in addition to those supplied by the United Kingdom.

The Immediate Position

But these are matters that concern the future, and we are living in the present. I have already said

that I believed the most important result of the recent raids was the effect upon invasion plans; and have pointed out that this is bound to influence the German morale.

I know that it is the German custom to minimise their own losses, while exaggerating the losses on the other side.

Years of experience as a newspaper correspondent have made me somewhat sceptical of official figures. When I was in Germany, we found that while the communiqués of the German High Command were fairly truthful, so far as the land forces were concerned, the German Navy and the German Air Force were given to gross exaggeration. The reason, we thought, was that the Air Force and the Navy did not have the same traditions behind them as the Army.

Since I have come to Britain, I have checked carefully on Royal Air Force figures, and I have reached the conclusion that when it errs, the R.A.F. generally errs on the other side.

British Conservatism

Not so long ago I met a British major, in charge of a control station, who showed me the figures he had tabulated for his group. One particular day, when official figures on German losses gave only 144 for all the British Isles, the major's figures showed that his group alone had accounted for 168 German planes.

Of course it is possible that some of the pilots in this group may have been stretching things a bit. But then it's also possible that some of them may have been over-modest, like one R.A.F. pilot of whom I heard recently.

He took off alone from his field to attack five Nazi raiders, and when he returned, reported that he had brought down two.

"How do you know you brought them down?" he was asked.

"Well," he said, "I saw one drop completely out of control; and I saw another crash into the sea."

"And what of the three others?" his commanding officer wanted to know.

"Oh," replied the pilot, "I couldn't see them. They were all in little bits and pieces."

Japanese Nearsightedness



Detroit News

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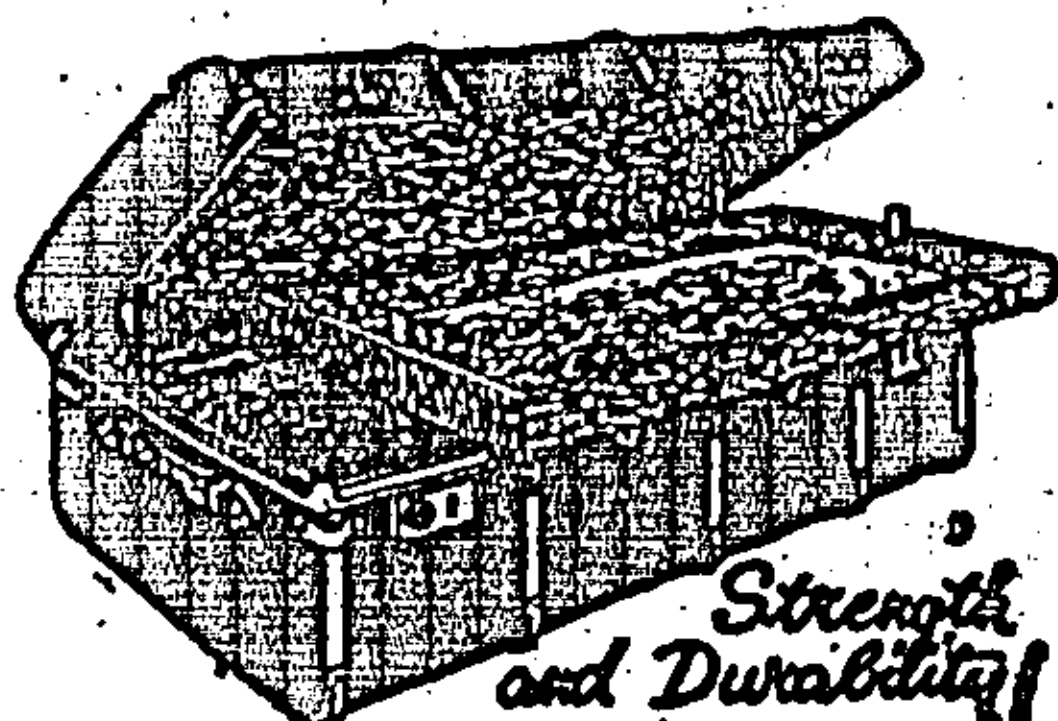
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ITALIANS RETREAT TOWARDS ALBANIAN COASTLINE

THE ITALIANS ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK TOWARDS THE SEA AND NOT TO FURTHER LINES INLAND, ACCORDING TO INDICATIONS GIVEN BY LATEST REPORTS FROM THE FRONT RECEIVED IN ATHENS LAST NIGHT.

The Italian retreat appears to be facing a general westwards direction and this is regarded by informed military observers in Athens as far more important than the capture of individual small towns and villages.

Most of the towns occupied by the Greeks so far have been theirs before the troops actually invested them. Hence the importance of the Greek thrust up the Viosa Valley beyond Premeti along the road to Klisura.

The Italians are retiring as rapidly as possible on Chimara, a port on the Albanian coast some 30 miles north of Santi Quaranta.

Vigorous fighting by infantry and artillery has taken place in the past 48 hours in the neighbourhood of Argyrokastron.

The British and Greek air forces have been participating actively, bombing enemy concentrations, mechanised columns, barracks and encampments.

Keeping Them On The Run

The Greek troops are fighting with terrific energy and enthusiasm. Keeping the enemy on the run at all costs seems to be their plan.

Especially is this true in the north, near Podgradetz, where additional regions fell into Greek hands yesterday.

Instead of resting after the capture of Podgradetz they preferred to go on fighting, accepting a stiff struggle in a movement which may be expected to bring

them to the source of the Skumbi River.

Left Wing Carries On

This, together with moves to the west and north-west from the region of Moshkopols, is keeping the entire left wing without rest, but reserves of willingness on the part of the troops seem boundless. They have complete faith in their cause.—Reuter.

KASSALA SKIRMISH

A BRITISH PATROL SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED A LARGE ENEMY WORKING PARTY IN THE KASSALA SECTION, INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

This further success in the Sudan was recorded in yesterday's G.H.Q. communique in Cairo, which also states that in the area west of Gallabat British artillery was again active.

No change has occurred on other fronts.—Reuter.

BIG CREDIT FOR ARGENTINA

A \$100,000,000 credit is being planned for Argentina by the United States Treasury and the Export and Import Bank, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, announced in Washington yesterday.

He added this total included \$50 million from the Treasury's Stabilisation Fund to stabilise the dollar-peso exchange rate.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S PLEDGE

"New Zealand is with you to the last penny of our wealth, the last inch of our property and the last drop of our blood."

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, gave this assurance to the British people at a state luncheon in Wellington yesterday marking the approaching end of Viscount Galway's term of office as Governor-General.

Mr. Fraser said Viscount Galway would be taking back to the King and people of Britain, New Zealand's admiration and gratitude at their fight for themselves and the peoples of the Dominions. "From Buckingham Palace to the slums of Wellington is the common danger realised and a common determination to carry on to victory."—Reuter.

A LITTLE BIRD WHISPERED

YESTERDAY'S ROME COMMUNIQUE WAS DISMAL READING FOR ITALIANS.

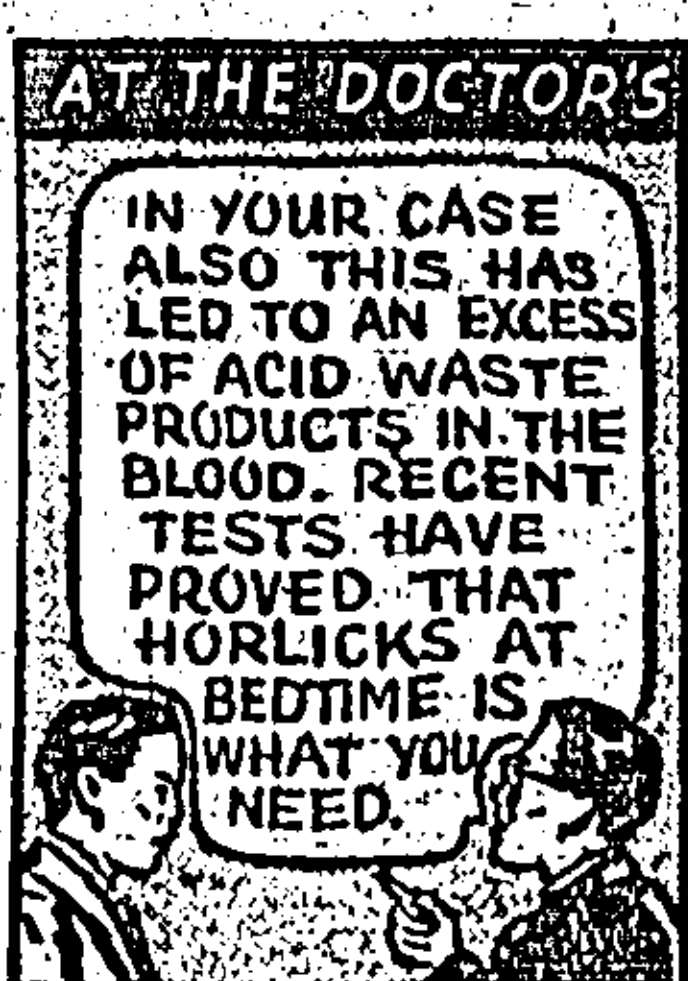
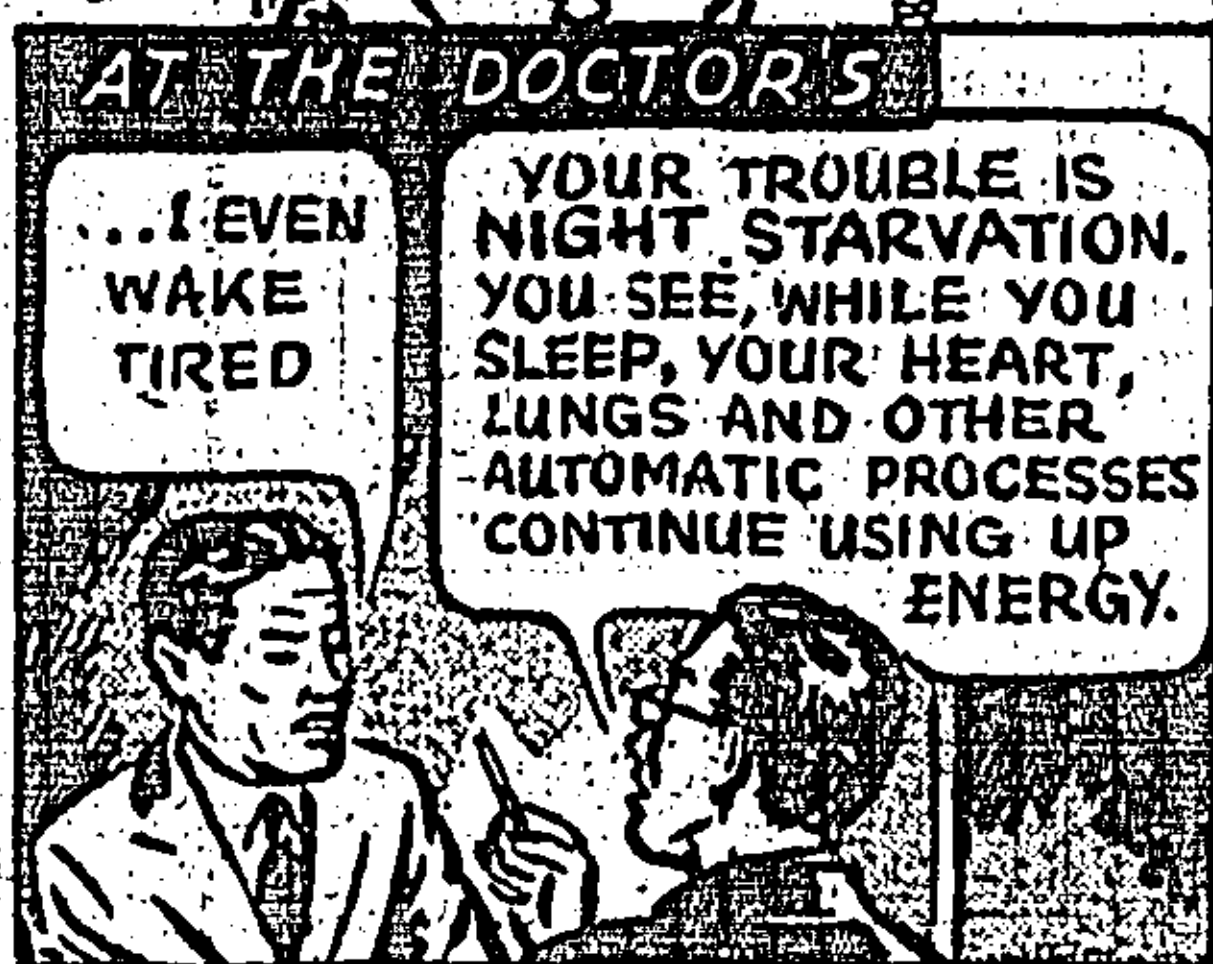
It did not even profess to know what was going on in Albania, merely stating that "attacks and counter-attacks are reported to have taken place yesterday."—Reuter.

SHATIN ROAD MOTOR ACCIDENT

Mr. J. S. Dinnen, overseer in the Public Works Department, was involved in a motorcar accident yesterday afternoon.

Driving from Shatin to Kowloon, near Shatin Station, he ran into two Chinese girls, aged 15 and 5 years, respectively. The older girl was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital. The child escaped with slight scratches.

BADMINTON CHAMPION LOSES FORM



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St. Andrew's Day Celebration



The wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph last Saturday by members of St. Andrew's Society, headed by Messrs. B. Wyllie and J. F. McGregor.



The H.K.V.D.C. pipers at last Sunday's St. Andrew's Day service held in the Union Church.



Mr. Winston Churchill, accompanied by Mr. A. V. Alexander (First Lord of the Admiralty), Admiral Sir Dudley Pound (First Sea Lord), General Sir Alan Brooke, (C. in C. Home Forces) and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff paid a recent visit to Southern and Eastern defences, recently. Photo shows in the foreground, General Sir Alan Brooke, General Sir John Dill and Major General Wardell. (Copyright, Fox).



His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, attended the special St. Andrew's Day Service at the Union Church last Sunday.

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SHORT STORY

It Is Easier For A Camel By URSULA BLOOM

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven," read the parson a trifle pompously. He wasn't a rich man. He could gloat over the misfortunes of rich men, although covetously-minded towards their comforts.

In her pew, Gay watched him. She wasn't rich either, which was also comforting. Yesterday she had gone mad. Yesterday she had had a comfortable little nest egg in the bank, something which she had scraped and saved for, for her whole twenty-four years of life. All her luxuries, scooped up and set inside a little brown bank book yielding two and a half per cent. "And," as she told herself, "a fat lot of good two and a half per cent is to anyone!"

So she had gone mad. She did not know what had happened, but the sunshine of a mad May morning had gone to her head. Or was it the poster outside Charing Cross station? A poster of a ruined Colonnade with a wistaria drooping about it, and a volcano in the distance. See Naples and die! In her case, See Naples and go bust! Gloriously bust.

It is a very short step from Charing Cross to Cockspur Street, and in the shipping offices there there are suave young men with patent leather hair and unctuous manners. Before she had realised the truth of her intention, she had committed herself. Instead of the usual holiday to Babbacombe, to the Cornish Riviera in flush years, or the East Coast in less opulent seasons, she was going to the Mediterranean. She was going to

Naples, and then go bust!

She informed the family at lunch. They were the old-fashioned family who always had roast beef and Yorkshire, followed by fruit and custard or an apple Charlotte. Mum and Dad had very nice minds, and they had started the post office savings account on the day that they had carried Gay to her christening. They believed in Babbacombe and the Cornish Riviera and the East coast. They thought all kinds of peculiar things happened abroad, never appreciating that Gay was aching for something to happen, just anything.

She broke it to them with the apple Charlotte.

"But it is madness," said Father. "Your whole savings? What will you do for a trousseau?" asked Mother.

"I'm not engaged. Before I get the trousseau, I have got to get the man. Like this I might even get the man."

"Husband-hunting?" boomed father, bitterly hurt at the suggestion.

After that nobody had any appetite for the apple Charlotte, and it was returned to the kitchen; whereupon the cook turned sulky and said she did not know what some people DID want.

In ten days Gay would be sailing for the Mediterranean. It would mean a chance. It would mean opportunity, and she could spend the few pounds that she had over from her savings on a trousseau. Lunch hours became wild searches in shops. Father and mother grew cold with apprehension, and then two days before she

started for the holiday, Mr. James sent for her to his office. He was large and opulent. He was undoubtedly the rich man; Not a bad sort, of course, always very kind to the girls, but pompous. He explained to Gay quite calmly what had happened, they were cutting down staff and they were making several changes.

Gay was one of the changes. When that sort of thing happens, you realise in one fell swoop how wise are the parents who start you in life with a bank balance, and how utterly feckless are the children who throw the whole lot away on one glorious blind in the hopes that something will turn up. She must have been quite dotty.

"I'm sorry," said Mr. James, and he looked to be genuinely sorry about it. "I would not have had it for the world, but my hands are tied. I will do everything to get you another job, a good job. You may rely on me."

And all the time she wanted to cry. She wanted to confess that she had behaved crazily and that she did not know what to do next. She dare not tell them at home. Mother would button up her mouth and become reserved. Father would have no compunction in saying, "I told you so."

When she started from Victoria the next day in her new blue cruising outfit, with the little white cap stuck jauntily on golden curls and the white handbag to match with three flags in the form of a signal in the corner (what sort of a signal she had no idea) she felt moulty.

The train was labelled "Mediterranean Cruise" which should have been satisfying enough. It sped through the country towards the sea. All the while, she was thinking, "I'll have to meet somebody on this cruise, somebody or other, or I'll go mad." And it was a grim irony of fate that she was wishing herself anywhere in the world save where she was.

A young man sat opposite. He had grave grey eyes and kinky dark hair. He wore gay clothes and he laughed across at her. "Like the window open?" he asked.

"The window's all right." "I just thought . . . and then, "My name is Keith Dorne, and we are going to be travelling companions. Or should I say ship mates? I have not got the nautical lingo yet. It's going to be fun, isn't it, though you look like a sick headache."

She did not know why she told him. Mother had always said never speak to strangers, but somehow when you are starting on a cruise that sort of thing does not apply. Not to Gay, anyway.

"Gee, if that isn't a slice of darned hard luck," said he. "I've done much the same thing, only I've got a job, leastways a bit of a job. I'm an artist. I paint things for magazines, and had a lucky deal, hence Naples."

"See Naples, and die," said she. "Not at all. Generally you see it and come back to murky old London and dream about it for ever. I bet, I'm going to enjoy this whatever happens."

She brightened considerably. He was a nice cheery person. Twenty-seven he said, had had lots of ups and downs, and very lucky breaks,

but he thought that the cruise to Naples was the most glamorous and glorious thing that had ever happened to him.

He helped her with the suit case up the gangway to the ship. A great white ship, with her stewards lined up along spruce decks, and an eager air of expectancy about her, and of apprehension. Crowds surged up the gangway. They chattered and complained, or chattered and laughed.

"I went to Madeira last year. All those toboggans and things, you can't sit down afterwards. Honestly, you can't. So awkward."

"I went to the Fjords last time. Wonderful, oh yes, quite wonderful, and I met a man who said, "It was an awful cruise. The stewards were frightful and the officers lousy. I went to bed every night at nine. Not my idea of a successful cruise. Never again. I always say never again, and yet here I am."

And at the very top of the gangway was a large fatish man, with money written all over him. He wore spotless white flannels and a dark blue blazer, with binoculars dangling from a very new leather strap. He had a panama on his head and he was arguing with a steward about his cabin. He didn't like his cabin. He had paid top price for the best and if this was their best, he would like to see what their worst was. If you paid for comfort, comfort you expected to have. As Gay trooped on board with Keith at her side, she saw suddenly that the large rich man was Mr. James.

He recognised her at the same moment. "YOU?" said Mr. James. "Why, I thought that you were . . ."

She knew the idea that flashed through his mind. He thought that she ought not to have spent the money and unfortunately he was quite right. She ought to have kept that little brown bank book and have slipped all her luxuries inside its horrid covers for every year of her life until she was too old to enjoy luxuries any more.

"Tell me what you are doing here?" said Mr. James, ignoring Keith.

Keith butted in. "Give me your ticket and I'll see the old hat box into the cabin," said he. "Meet you later," and off he went with it.

"Who is that person?" asked Mr. James.

Gay told Mr. James exactly what had happened. She had ventured on to the cruise before she had known that she was to have the sack. She had committed herself and there was no going back. When she got home she would be looking for a job, unless of course, but she hastily brushed over that idea.

In three weeks at sea a great deal can happen, as everybody knows. She had met Keith in the train, and he was being very helpful, she felt lonely of course and a little strange, she had never been further than the Isle of Wight before, and the Isle of Wight is very much like everywhere else. Naples would be different, she imagined.

Mr. James patted her hand. He said, "I'll see after you. I will get you fixed up at my table, and I'll see that you enjoy yourself."

It was peculiar that all the way down in the train Gay had been shying to herself, "Oh, if only I knew somebody on board," and now when she did know somebody on board she felt that strangers were preferable. She had always liked Mr. James, but she was afraid of him.

"Oh, you mustn't feel that way," said he a little later, "we are outside the office now. Just friends. You will see that this is going to be fun." The stewards' band played "Auld lang syne!" There were rainbow streamers linking them to the quay, and then the ship passed slowly out to sea like a great white bird on the face of the water.

"Who is that sticky old chap you've picked up?" asked Keith that first night, when they stood against the taffrail talking, while the others danced on deck.

"He was my boss in the office."

"Rich?"

"Awfully, I should think."

"And got a push on you?" He said it with a proprietary note, for at sea the world moves swiftly.

"Oh no, he never noticed me much before, except to blow me up for my typing. I don't know why he is noticing me now."

"I do. Shall I tell you?"

"I'd rather you didn't."

The new nimosa gold chiffon

was becoming, and the jade sash about her hips was a vigorous contrast to it. She knew that she looked her best. She would try to put the return to England out of her mind, she would try only to remember that this was her holiday, the one wild holiday of her life and that nothing mattered beside it.

Next day was Sunday. They had the same old text in the service held in the dining saloon. "It is easier for a camel." When you came to think about it, it was rather a foolish text, and Gay felt that she was sorry for Mr. James. Mr. James was obviously the rich man, who would find it a little awkward getting through the Heavenly turnstile. And he had such good qualities.

All through the Bay she played Quoits and Deck Tennis, and Bull-ball, and forgot that there was such a thing as being jobless. In Gibraltar Mr. James took her ashore. He knew Gibraltar. He helped her into a carozzi and they trotted up the Main street with a jangle of bells. They walked in the Alameda with the most heavenly scent of blossom, and the sound of a hurdy-gurdy grinding out a tango. They talked of everything save the office. And at one of the Indian shops, where swarthy-faced men peer out from behind Spanish shawls and Morocco leather, he bought her a bottle of perfume as a souvenir.

"Everybody buys perfume in Gibraltar," he said, and he chose a heady one in an enormous black bottle, and he beat the man down over the price.

Gay had never seen anybody beaten down before. She sat on a leather pouffe, and she drank ex-cruciatingly strong coffee and she watched with wonder at the way Mr. James said that he would not pay that amount and advanced sixpence by sixpence on his original offer, while the Indian came down shilling by shilling from the price which he had stated would leave him a ruined man. Then they got into another carozzi, and drove for the wharf. Everybody was hurrying back to the tender with huge bunches of flowers. Great fat roses, and lilies, frezias in long fragile sprays, stocks with their clove essence.

"How lovely they look," she said wistfully.

Mr. James patted her hand. "But they don't last! Any old hand at cruising would tell you that Mediterranean flowers are the worst investment. Gone before you sail."

As she struggled back on board with the black bottle of perfume, she saw Keith. He had an enormous bunch of red roses. "For your cabin," he said.

She filled the cabin with them, and by a grim irony they lasted for three whole days, whereas the black bottle poised on the dressing-table unfortunately became restive with the heaving of the ship, and rolled on to the floor and was smashed to atoms. Gay decided that it was a positively sickening scent when you had to live with it in abundance until you could have the port open again for calmer seas!

When she went up on deck after a nice long lie-down through a sea which was horribly inclined towards choppliness, she found that Mr. James was awaiting her.

"There is nothing like champagne for seasickness," said Mr. James, and he ordered her some. He had fixed a little table in a sheltered corner of the deck away from the crowd. He was kindly and fatherly. He said the sort of things that she had never expected a man like Mr. James could say, and she came to the conclusion that either she had fallen asleep and dreamt all this, or that she had been seasick and it was one of the unpleasant effects.

Or wasn't it unpleasant? Mr. James had much to commend him. He was kind. He was generous. He was talking glowingly about the cruelty of the firm that had sacked her, and how much he wanted to help her, though in exactly what way he did not say. He had always noticed what a charming girl she was. He had always thought that she had a way with her.

And a great many more other things.

"It's sea fever," she told herself. "It would have been any girl he had met. Just sea fever."

The champagne had a very brightening effect on her outlook. When she left Mr. James she felt almost herself, and half-way down the companion she met Keith. He

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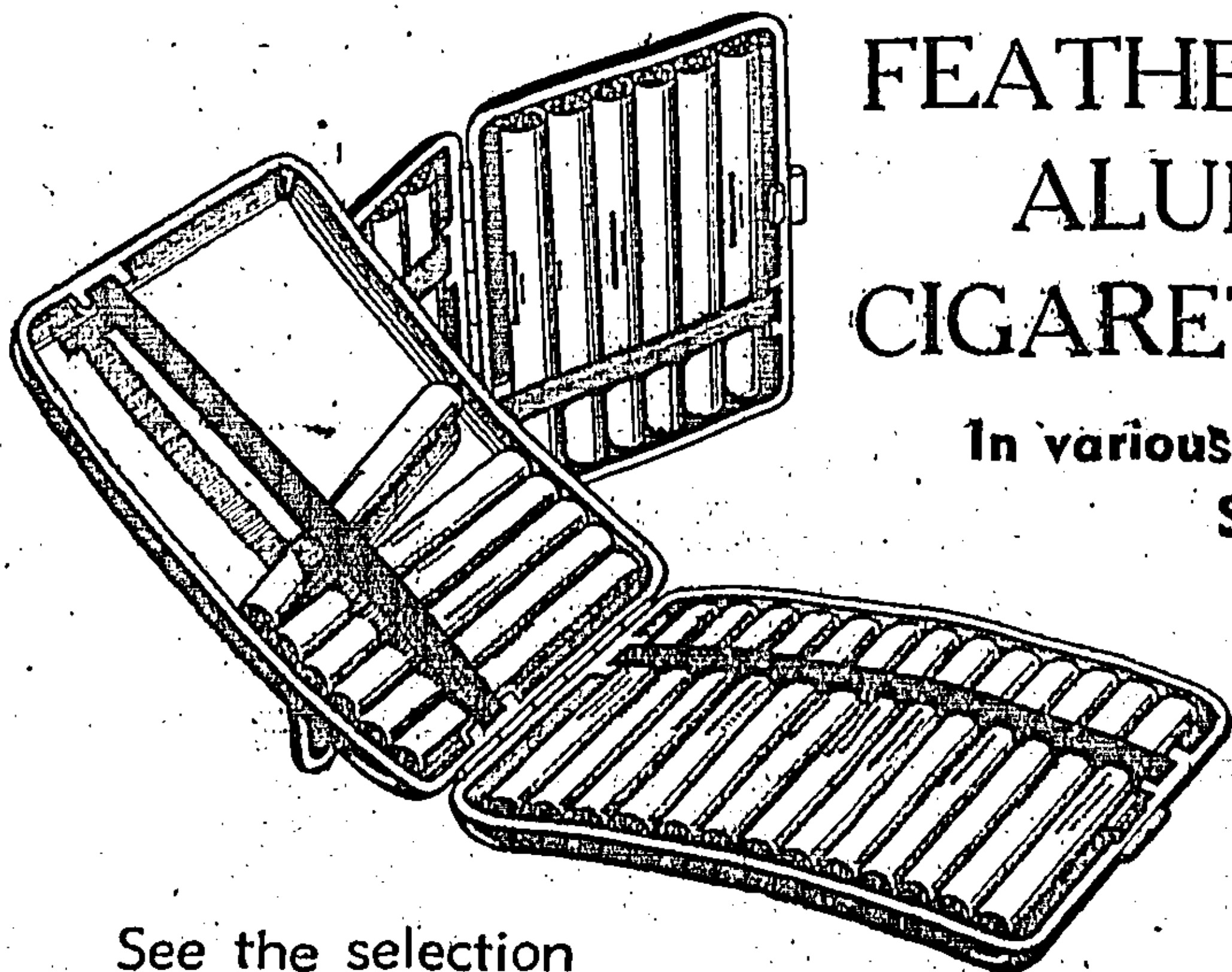
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Without waiting even to fling off their helmets and parachute harness, the pilots make their combat reports to the Intelligence Officers, then retire into their duty huts.

All except two, whose slight wounds are receiving treatment by the Medical Officer, and three others for whom this was their fourth fight that day, are ordered to stand by for an hour.

I was waiting at the hut when red section came in, hot and dishevelled but unscarred . . . a flying officer, a pilot officer, a sergeant pilot. I'd already learned they are a crack trio.

Record Of Prowess

The flying officer, Dominion-born and a former Auxiliary Air Force man, is in his mid-twenties, and the high spot in his record is a score of five bombers and a fighter in two days.

The pilot officer, from Surrey, began as a Volunteer Reserve sergeant, still looks a little more than an overgrown schoolboy at 22, but is old enough to have accounted for eleven of the enemy in not many more than that number of fighting days.

Once he downed two when he was one of a flight of six opposed by forty Germans.

The sergeant pilot, nearing thirty and formerly a Midlands engineer, with a wife to share his glories, put paid in one week to twelve Nazis who got in his way.

These Three Musketeers of the Air, with a combined fire-power at the rate of 28,800 rounds a minute from their Hurricanes, share and share alike in their hut—the most democratic institution of its kind in the Services, where officers and N.C.O.'s meet on equal terms while on duty.

They are glad to strip off their helmets and harness, though their warm flying kit, "Mae West" life-saving jackets and fur-lined boots

must stay on.

The flying officer sinks down in an easy chair, within arm's reach of a telephone. The sergeant pilot follows suit. The pilot officer sprawls himself out on the "biscuits" of an iron chair-bed.

The ping-pong, the darts, the chess and draughts, the wireless, the crosswords, the books and magazines—all inevitable features of this hut life—can wait till later on. After three fights in a day, the last extending over an hour, even supermen need a breather and a refresher.

A waiter, without being told, brings in a steaming pot of tea, bread and butter, fried ham and eggs. Iced minerals are there, too, if they prefer them.

No alcohol, of course, passes the door of a duty hut; neither, in the pilots' own interest, do they desire it. At any moment that telephone may go again, or that loud speaker within earshot may speak once more, giving the order for the fourth time since breakfast, "Red section take off! Enemy aircraft approaching from

The squadron leader, who has just heard from Intelligence at the Ops. Room the full news of the last fight, looks in on the tea party.

Story Of The Battle

"Grand work, boys! Your four are confirmed. Yellow got a couple of Junkers. Blue two more. Green three 110's. Dirty fighters, they machine-gunned young Robbie as he parachuted down. Good boy. We'll get 'em for that. Johnnie and Charlie got in the way of the 110 cannon stuff before they could close in, but made perfect landings. Johnnie near the old church on the hill. Charlie on the mead. Marvel how he missed those cows.

"Eleven losses to one. Keep it up. All of you O.K. for another half hour?"

"O.K., sir" they chorused. "We'll give 'em one for Robbie."

"Cheerio. Must drop in on Green," added the squadron leader. "Think the youngster there needs a break, but won't say so. Andy, I mean. The M.O.'s asked me what I think. Notice anything strange about the boy?"

"Gone suddenly off his thrillers," replied the flying officer.

knowingly. "Now keen on long walks—when there's time!"

"Yes, I thought so," the squadron leader mused to himself as he departed, wondering what excuse he could find for giving Andy a fortnight's leave.

"Got in a hot spot the other afternoon. Dropped a bit behind. Ten Jerrys had him to themselves. Engine shot out of action. Parachute drop from low height. Nasty landing. Touch of 'nerve.' Won't ever admit it."

The leader, father of his squadron, and the Medical Officer watch over their boys with psychologist's eyes. They have to. The team spirit makes pilots reluctant to take a well-earned rest.

But their leader and the M.O. know what to look for. Close

By
JOHN CASHEL

study has shown that the boy who goes from thrillers to long walks needs a break. It is a sure sign, this sudden change from arm-chair relaxation to physical activity, from one habit to its opposite.

The same firmness is often necessary with wounded men who insist on going up again before their injury has even been dressed, and with night fighters who want to be included in next morning's dawn patrol.

Red section's tough crack trio in the duty hut, and dozens more like them at this station have been on the job for twenty-four hours a day seven days a week for weeks past, and some days they have spent far more time in the air than in stand-by and off-duty periods.

Red's flying-officer on one occasion fought five fights in twenty-four hours, the last time taking over the controls of a new machine at a moment's notice, because his own had been damaged.

He made light of my comment that surely every machine has its tricks and needs getting used to. "One Hurricane," he replied, "is as good as another."

The clock on a deal table ticks away. Five minutes more and another section takes over.

A roar of engines comes from

outside and a hurricane wind blows through the doorway, sweeping a crossword puzzle off the knee of the sergeant pilot, as groundsmen give the waiting planes a periodical warm-up to keep them at the ready!

The dozing pilot officer sharply blinks an eyelid and glances at the telephone.

"Nothing doing," says the flying officer.

"I suppose," I jokingly questioned, "you're looking forward to a fourth fight to-day?"

"Maybe" he replied. "It's

grand to be letting fly upstairs and see them toppling down. Seven times Jerry's tried to unload his bombs on this outfit and seven times we've stopped him from getting too near. The eighth he may be lucky and then he'll do less damage if we're shooters up there rather than sitters down here. We're giving him no such easy chances."

Ting, ting, ting. The flying officer grabs the telephone at his side.

"Red section take off. Enemy approaching in force twenty miles south-east, 30,000 feet. . . ."

Outside, the loud speakers repeat the orders. Red section take off. Blue section . . . yellow section . . . green section . . .



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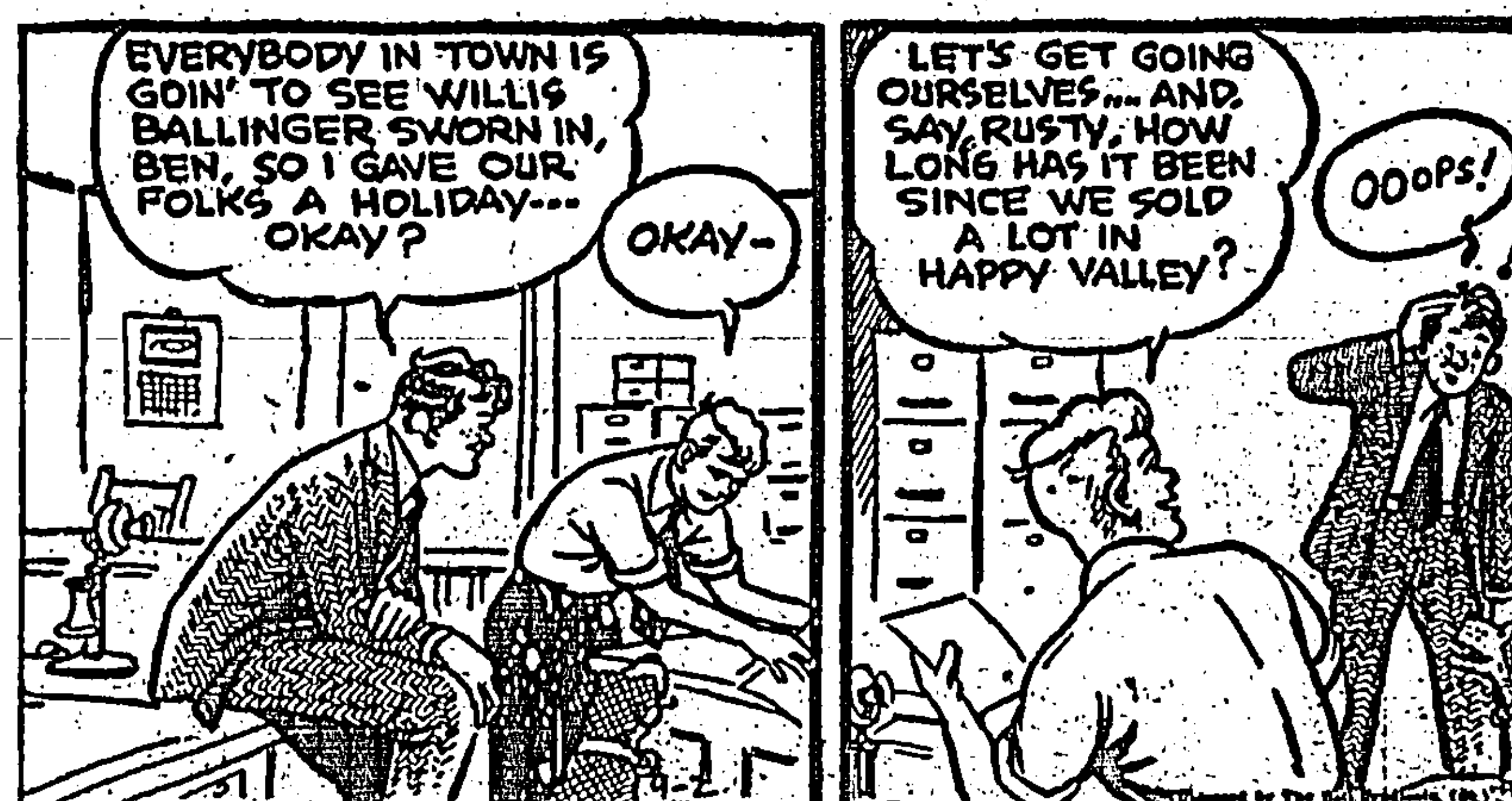
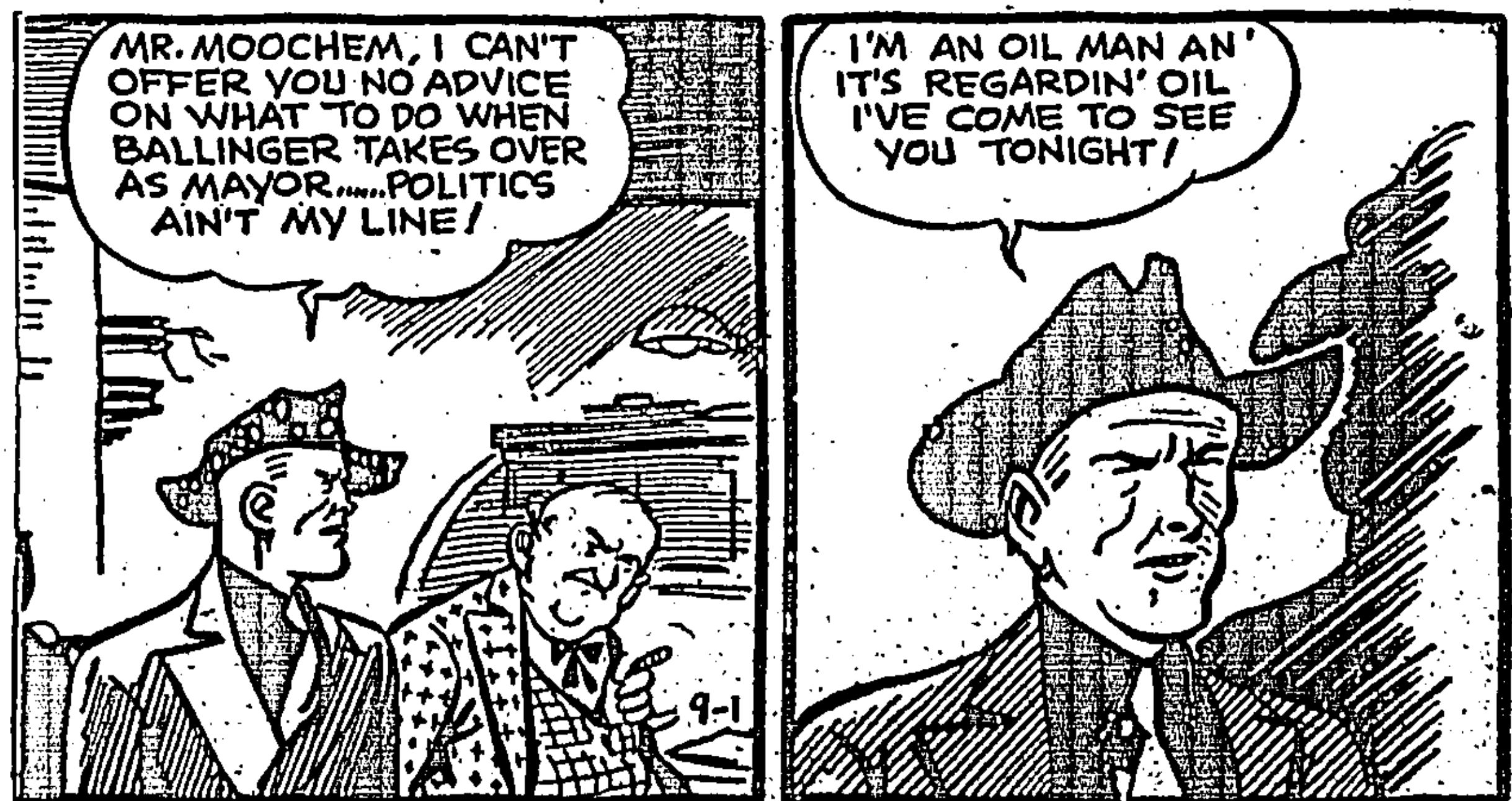
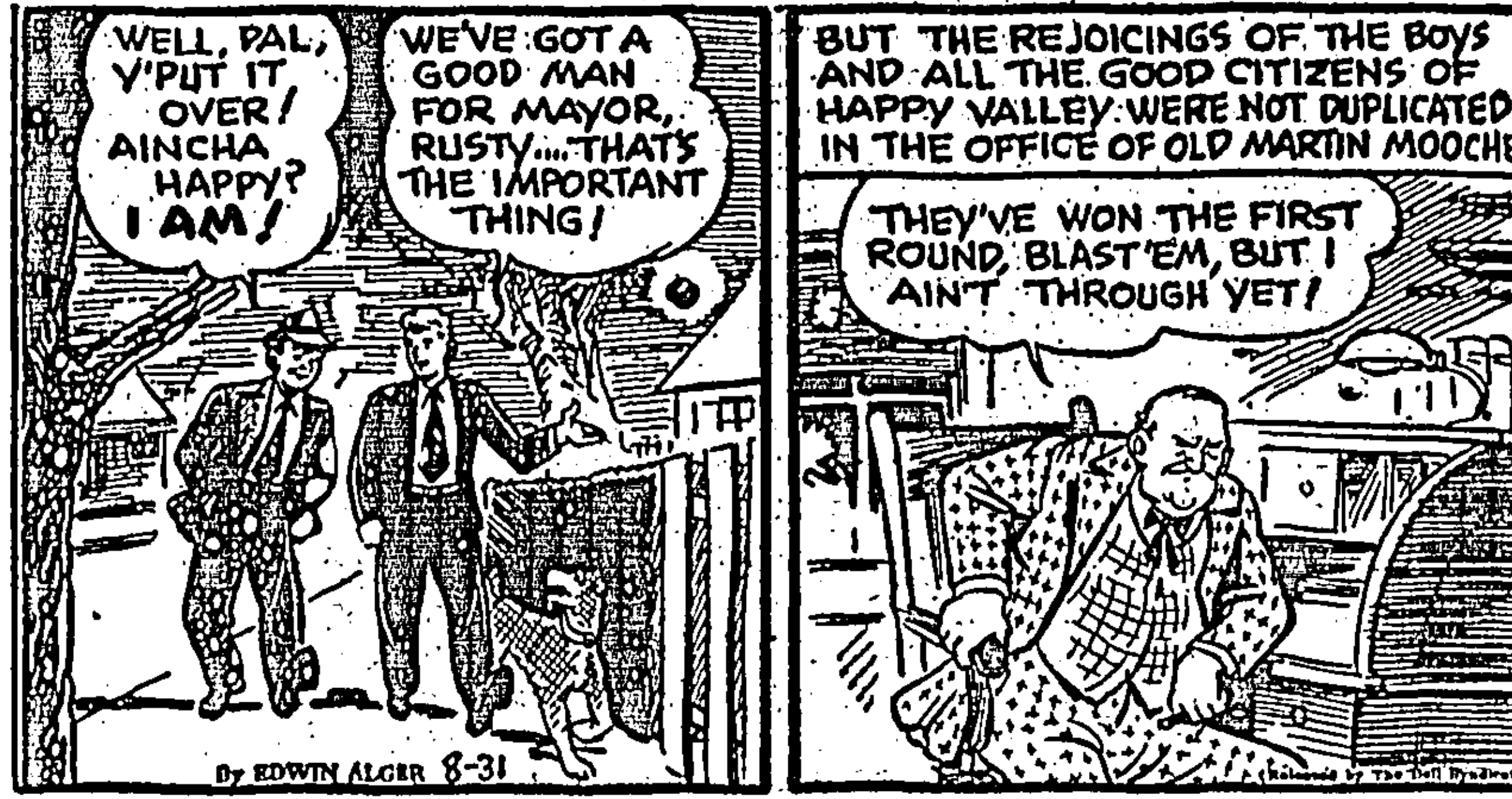
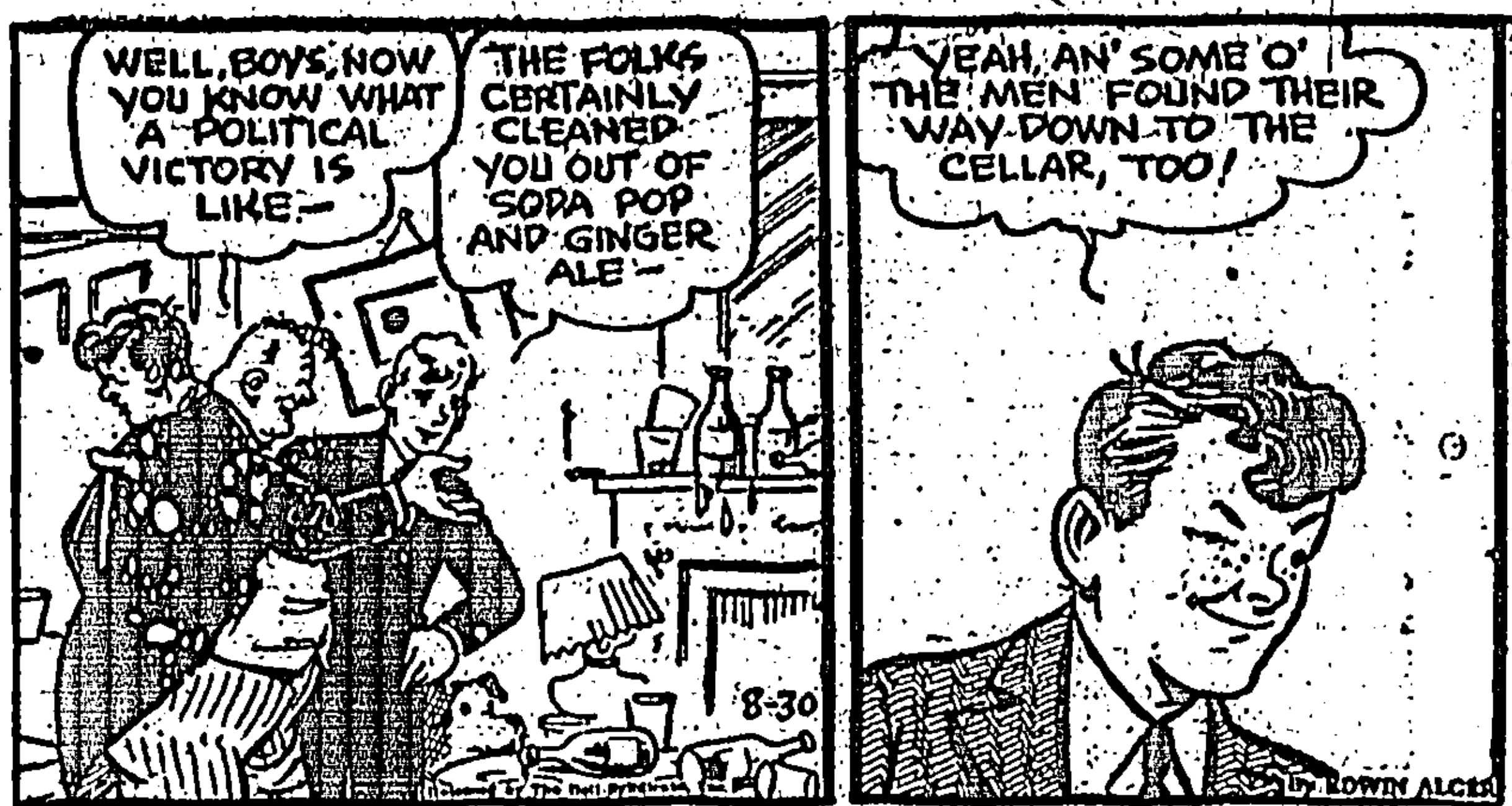
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It Is Easier For A Camel

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said, "I saw you flirting with that nasty old man."

"Oh Keith, he isn't so old really."

"Trying to get off with you?"

"No no, of course not."

Keith wagged a shocked finger at her. "Remember what the parson said on Sunday. It is easier for a camel."

"What are you talking about? This is nothing to do with camels?"

"Isn't it just? Easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to marry the girl of his dreams."

She said, "What nonsense you talk!" and ignored him but she thought about it a good deal afterwards.

Because Mr. James was very pushful. Mr. James was most considerate. At Villefranches he asked her to call him Archibald. Secretly she had always thought that Archibald was a shocking name, and she could not think how he could like it, but he confessed that he had had a passion for it. At tea again, Keith asked her to marry him.

"I have so little to offer that of course it is pure cheek. But if you could share it . . . ?"

She saw Corsica on the horizon, she saw the world beyond and knew that there were hundreds of places that she wanted to see. This cruise had been a mistake in that it had whittled her whistle for travel. If she settled down now to poverty for always, nothing like this would ever happen again. It was a magical night, a night of stars, and sapphire sea, and phosphorescence.

"I know you love me," said Keith cheerfully, and he kissed her tenderly.

"You mustn't," she said. But all the while she knew that she wanted him to do it again. He did it again. He kissed her until her mouth ached, and until she knew that she wanted to slip into his arms for ever. Only she couldn't.

It would be such madness to say goodbye to all the froth and fun, to finish with all this sort of thing. Because there was Mr. James.

In her cabin that night she tried to face facts. It would be mad to marry Mr. James, and yet mad not to. He could give her so much, he could make her so happy. If from a deck high above her there came the sound of someone singing cheerfully.

"But you can't stop me from dreaming."

If sounded awfully like herself. If she did marry Mr. James, she would dream about Keith.

The ship was alongside the mole at Naples two days later. It was fiercely hot with the blinding heat of southern Italy, and opposite Vesuvius looked gloomy enough. On the quay dark-faced little men offered to guide you anywhere you wanted to go and to several places that you didn't want to visit, or to sell you innumerable rather extraordinary articles. Char-a-bancs were lined up to take the passengers to Pompeii and to the Crater.

"Now you're coming with me," said Keith.

"I'm sorry, but I promised Archibald."

"It's got to Archibald now? I might have guessed it."

She looked at him and she laughed. "I know that is a frightful name, I know that he is a funny person, but he really means awfully well."

"So do I."

Mr. James came and button-holed her. He had commandeered a private car. Yet some how, as they drove off at the sort of speed nobody ought ever to drive anywhere, least of all in Naples, Gay knew that she looked yearningly after the char-a-banc with Keith in it. He was sitting with that

over-blond young woman in the Tyrolean frock with the port little hat. It was a comfort to think that she would possibly get sunstroke for her vanity!

Mr. James had determined to do this trip thoroughly, and to get into it everything that could be got. Before they had arrived at Pompeii, Gay was realising how tired she was. Once inside the ruined city there seemed to be so much more of it than she had expected, and so much further to walk. She drooped a little. Mr. James was so pre-occupied with everything that he was seeing that he did not notice, and when they came to the quiet corner with the ruined house and the garden before it, and even the dog's dimpling trough, Gay felt the world spinning and dropped down into a quiet faint.

When she came to, she had been carried into the little hotel. "I'll never forgive myself," said Mr. James, "I ought to have seen after you better."

"I'm all right," she said weakly.

He had ordered champagne for her, and lunch to be brought in the little private room which looked out across the field, where anemones splashed in a brave show. He was tender and solicitous. There is something very gratifying about money when you are feeling seedy, something very kindly. When Mr. James ultimately put out a hand and whispered the sort of things that he said he had never whispered to any young woman before, she knew that she wasn't refusing him with the gusto she had contemplated.

He said humbly, "I know I'm a good deal older than you are. I know I'm funny in some ways, but I do care for you, Gay, and if you

would think of it, you would make me outrageously happy."

Odd that she should think of Keith and his girl in the Tyrolean dress.

She said, "I don't know my own mind."

"I don't want to hurry you for a moment. I want you to choose for yourself, quite for yourself. I don't want to influence you at all, but I could make you happy. I know. I have the things to make you happy. Nothing should be denied you."

Gay knew that she was being weak. She thought of the solution to so many problems. All her life she had had to skimp. A taxicab was a wild extravagance. An extra frock never happened. Her people were frugally-minded. (They had had to be)—you cannot make money easily these days. She had had her dreams, of course, dreams of travel in this way, dreams of innumerable frocks, and innumerable happinesses.

"We'd go to Japan," said Mr. James. Cherry blossom and wistaria. "And you ought to see Venice." Moonlight on the lagoon. If he said much more she would be saying "yes" straight away.

There drove back to the quay very slowly. They did not do the Crater. In Naples Mr. James went into an expensive shop and bought Gay a string of jade. It was very lovely. It scintillated with the glory of all lovely things, and it shone against her white frock. A maestro in a little restaurant played them a love song, and across the way she saw a little tabac in which a languorous-eyed Neapolitan girl flirted audaciously with a boy of her own age.

"That hurt!"

Because, Gay told herself when she sank back in her own cabin, "I shall marry Mr. James. I know I shall."

"Well," said Keith that night against the taffrail. "What did you do with the old buffer?"

"He isn't an old buffer. I saw things. Glorious things, lots of them, and I fainted in Pompeii."

"That's the care he takes of you. I trailed round and round. It's a very rude city, I think. You should have come with us," and then, "that's a lovely piece of jade!"

"He gave it to me."

Keith whistled. "I see. Well, don't forget the camel."

"The camel?"

"The rich man suffers difficulties at the turnstile, but the camel takes a flying leap and what-ho! Over he goes."

Which was of course just a piece of nonsense! She wished that his nonsense did not amuse her so much. She wished that he were not so entertaining. It was youth. She liked his bright eyes. She wondered if it would be quite crazy to tie herself down to poverty, to all those petty little economies, to all the eternal efforts, and she brushed the idea aside. To-morrow night, carnival night, she would accept Archibald James. It was obviously the wise thing to do.

And all the morning she tried to make crepe paper into a frock. "You can't do it," said Keith, peeping in, "all that is going to happen is that you will sit through it. Crepe paper frocks are dangerous."

"I haven't anything else."

He said, "I'm going with a party. Quite a brain wave. You can come too. All you need is a white frock and a topce."

He said, "You'll see," and then because he was the daring kind, he stooped suddenly and kissed her. "There," he said, "that's for luck."

They dined in their ordinary clothes. Some of the fancy dresses had already appeared. Mr. James in a Turkish frock which he had bought in Constantinople last year and had over-paid for by quite half. The girl in the Tyrolean costume had come out as a midshipman. It delighted Gay to see that three others had had the same idea. "That'll teach her," she thought.

"But where is your dress?" asked Mr. James.

"I'm one of a group. I am changing after."

He said, "If you had told me I would have bought you the most expensive frock in Naples. Money no object where you are concerned," and he smiled.

"It would have been nice of you, but I'll be all right." She wondered if money mattered really quite so much. You can get an awful lot out of having to make do. You can have great fun in other ways.

She met the rest of her group on the aft-deck. She came running along the alley way, and turned the corner sharply, coming to a dead stop. A young man in an Arabic dress stood salaam-

ing. A crazy camel composed of sacking, and girded round his humpy middle with rope, lurched crookedly towards her, from inside him a voice boomed. "It is easier for a camel."

She began to laugh. She went to the taffrail and hid her face in her hands, laughing until the tears ran down her cheeks. She had never known that anything could look so funny. "Now then," boomed Keith again, "You've got to ride the camel, and it is time we joined the procession."

The Arab helped her up.

A few moments later, when a long train of early Victorian ladies armoured in lights, admirals and generals interspersed with Girl Guides, toradors, and Dutch boys had trailed through the lounge, the camel entered at a brisk trot. Parump-parump-parump, trotted the camel.

Mr. James was helping with the judging.

Mr. James was sitting fiddling with his pencil and making rather idiotic notes on a piece of paper. The four judges were not unanimous. They had their interests torn between a girl in a Norwegian dress and another who had come in as a dressing-table and had had to get through the door sideways. Then they saw the camel.

"Oh look, it's rather good," gasped the mayoress of Slapdash, who was assisting with the judging.

The camel gavotted along, with Gay screaming with laughter as she joggled from side to side. Never had a camel had a more humpy back!

The camel approached the judicial seat and salaamed to one knee, almost collapsing in the effort. His rope tail quivered. Then, from inside him a strange voice spoke.

"It is easier for a camel," said the strange voice, and Mr. James turned rather pink.

"Idiotic," said Mr. James, "and quite home-made. Definitely home-made."

"I think it's rather good," persisted the mayoress and she jotted marks down on the paper before her.

The camel ambled off again. Outside the lounge Gay dismounted, and Keith emerged from the front legs. "You see," he said, and he took her arm, "look here we have got to talk."

He piloted her to the empty verandah, with the sound of water against the ship's side, and the lace-work of masts and rigging against the blue sky. They were heading for Taormina and the roses.

He said: "You'll never be happy with that old Johnny, and you know it. You want youth, and life, and freedom. You want fun."

She knew that, of course. Money is not much good if you are aged by it. A holiday snatched out of the savings and spent in Blackpool can be sweeter than one spent with the man who is not your man of dreams, on the lagoon at Venice, or in the cherry blossom orchards of Japan.

"There is something in what you say," she said.

"Maybe I have taken a mean advantage. Maybe I have let my camel ride rough shod over the old buffer, but I'm not going to let you make an ass of yourself like that."

He took her into his arms, and he was possessive. She did not care if she had to work for the rest of her life, and something told her that she wouldn't have to work, she did not care what happened, but she knew that she was in love.

"How can I tell him?" she asked, "he was terribly kind when I fainted in Pompeii. He is so sure that I shall marry him."

"He is a rich man. He can find somebody else."

"Keith, I feel very cruel."

"Nonsense. You feel very happy."

He had her in his arms, they did not know how long it was, nor what happened. Then suddenly they heard somebody calling their names. They had to go up for their prizes, and the camel was wanted.

"I'm very sorry," Gay told Mr. James, and she told him later on when she had her hand in Keith's. "I don't understand it," said he coldly, "you encouraged me," and his eye went to the jade chain at her throat.

Gay said, "Don't you see I didn't know my own mind. Honestly, I didn't but now I'm going back and I daresay it will be an uphill fight, but we'll win through. Somehow I know that we shall win through."

A long time after Gay said "Poor old thing," and her eyes were misty.

"Poor old thing, my fool!" said Keith, "he found for once in his life that money wasn't the open sesame to the world. The camel pipped him at the post."

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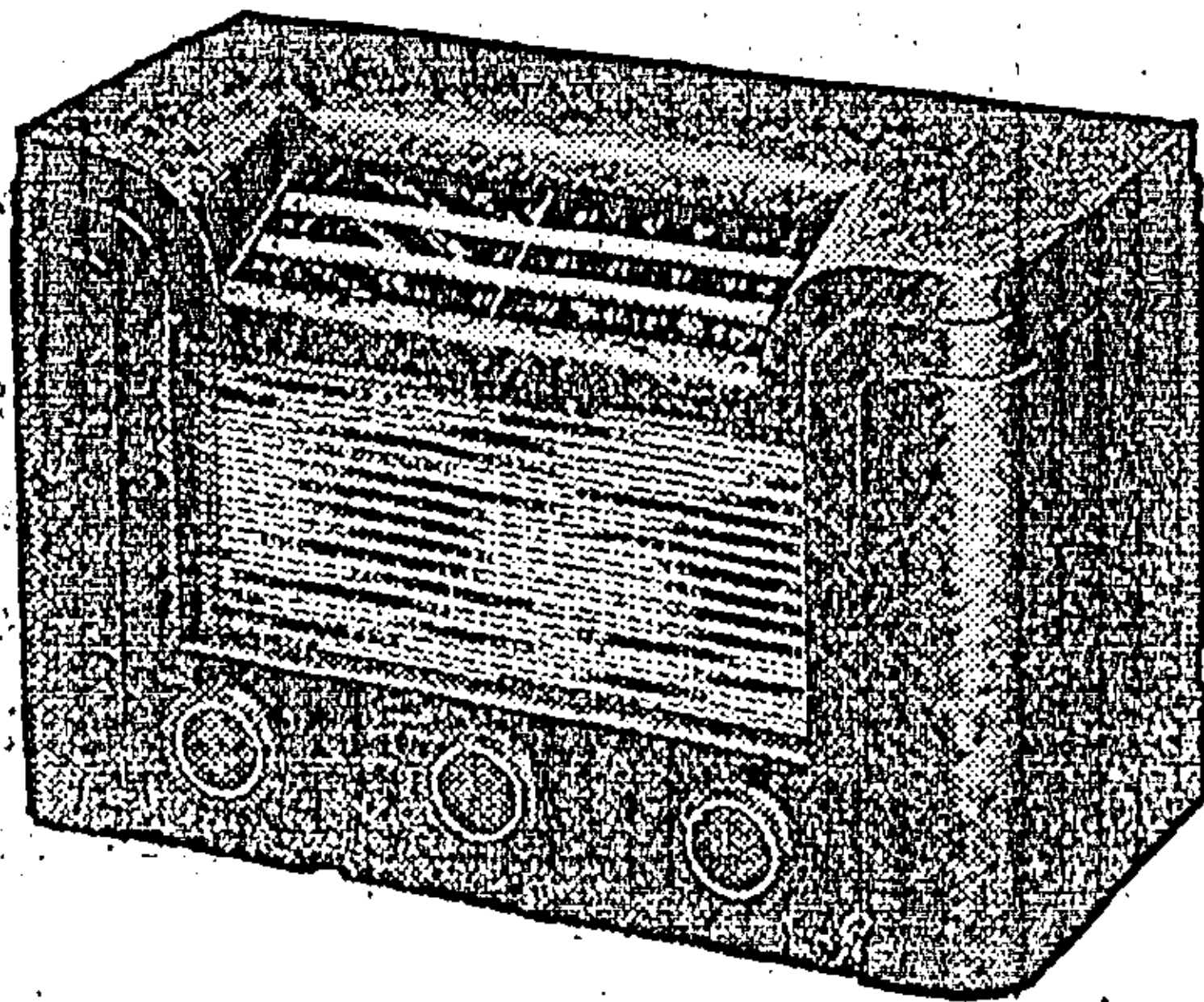
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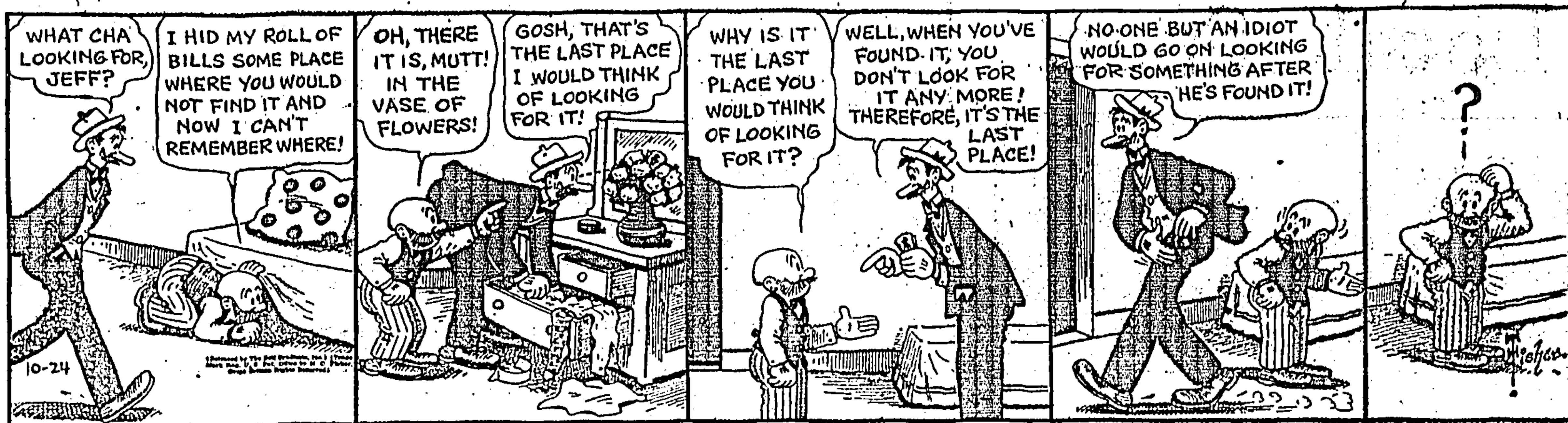
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Materials required: 2oz. 4-ply Fingering pink, 1oz. blue, 1oz. red, 1/2oz. yellow, 1 pr. of knitting pins No. 9 and 11, 1 yd. of ribbon, 1 wire brush.

Tension: For No. 9 pins 13 sts. to 2 inches. No. 11 pins, 15 sts. to 2 inches.



"Even little boys have been known to like me."

Abbreviations: K.—Knit; P.—Purl; S's—Stitches; Dec.—Decrease; Inc.—Increase; Pat.—Pattern; Tog.—Together; St. st.—Stocking stitch; Ins.—Inches. Knit into the backs of all cast on stitches.

The Body

With No. 11 pins and pink wool cast on 56 sts. Work 3 1/4 inches in plain knitting (garter stitch). Shape legs: Work the first 23 sts. for 7 in., decreasing one stitch each end of every 6th row, until 14 sts. remain.

Shape feet: (Start at the inside edge) K. 9 sts. turn, K. 7 sts. work 8 rows on these 7 sts. Break off wool.

Pick up and knit 6 sts. up right foot strip. Pick up and knit 8 sts. down left side of foot strip. Knit 5 sts. of left side of ankle (20 sts. in all with 2 sts. of right ankle). Knit 3 rows on these 26 sts. Cast off tightly.

Return to the remaining 28 sts., and work to correspond, with foot shaping at the opposite edge.

Pink Arms

With No. 11 pins and pink wool cast on 20 sts. Work 18 rows, decreasing one stitch each end of every 6th and 12th rows.

10th row: * K. 2 K. 2 tog. repeat from * to end. Knit 6 rows, cast

off. Work another arm to correspond.

The Head

Back of head: With No. 11 pins and pink wool, cast on 10 sts. Work in st. st. for 26 rows, increasing one stitch each end of every row until 24 sts. remain.

N. x. row: * K. 2 K. 2 tog. repeat from * to end. Ne. t. row: * K. 2 tog. K. 1. repeat from * to end (12) sts. Work 4 rows st. st. Cast off.

Face: Work as for back of the head. Sheet: With red wool and No. 11 pins cast on 14 sts. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. Cast on 8 sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Work 7 rows. Cast off. Work second shoe.

Check Dress

Back and front are alike. With red wool and No. 9 pins, cast on 100 sts. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. * Change to blue wool. Work 18 rows, st. st., change to red wool. Work 2 rows * repeat from * to end throughout the dress.

Work until 5 ins. from cast on edge. Next row: Knit 4 sts. tog. to end of row. (28 sts. now.) Work 2 inches. Change to red wool. Knit 2 rows plain knitting. Cast off.

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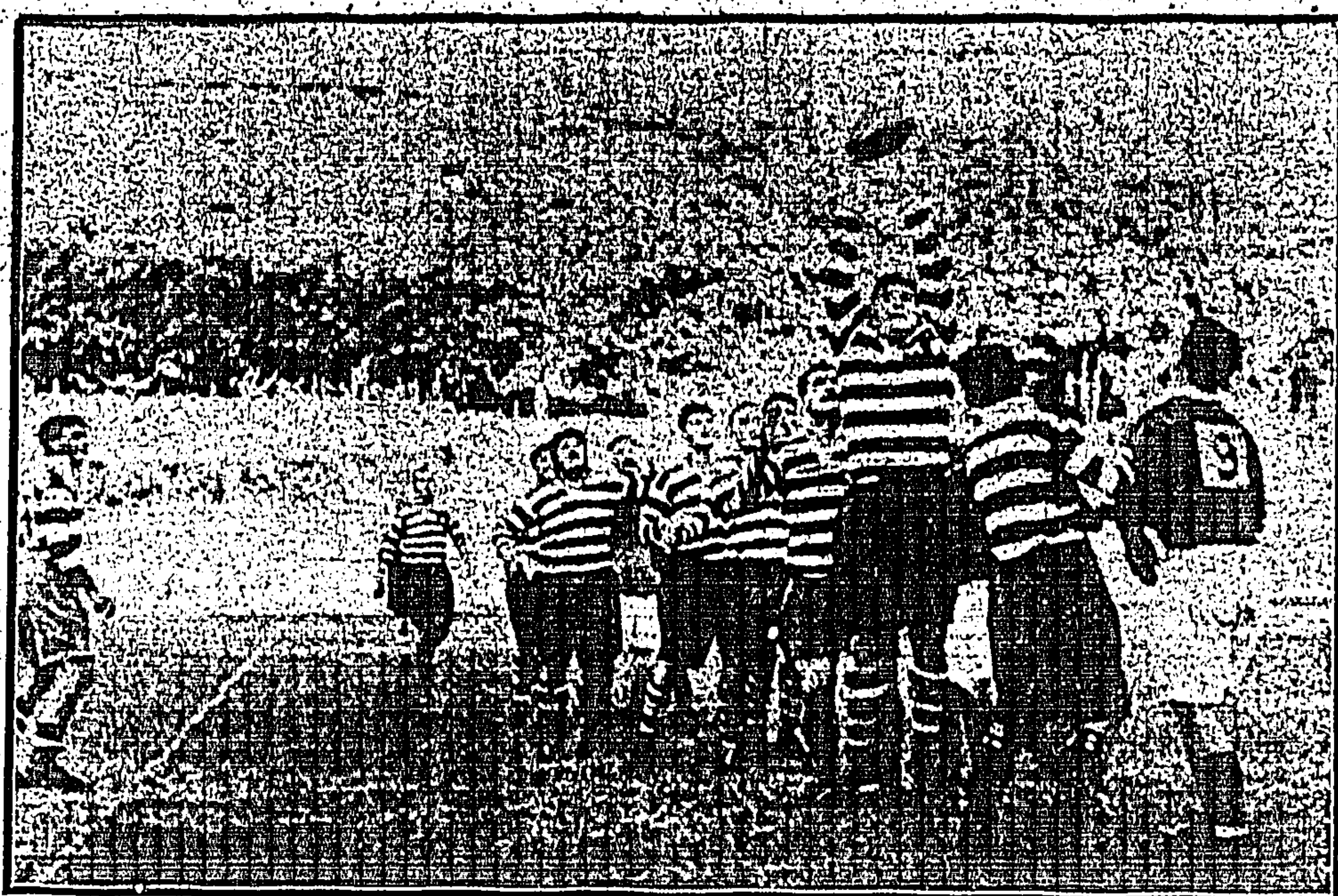
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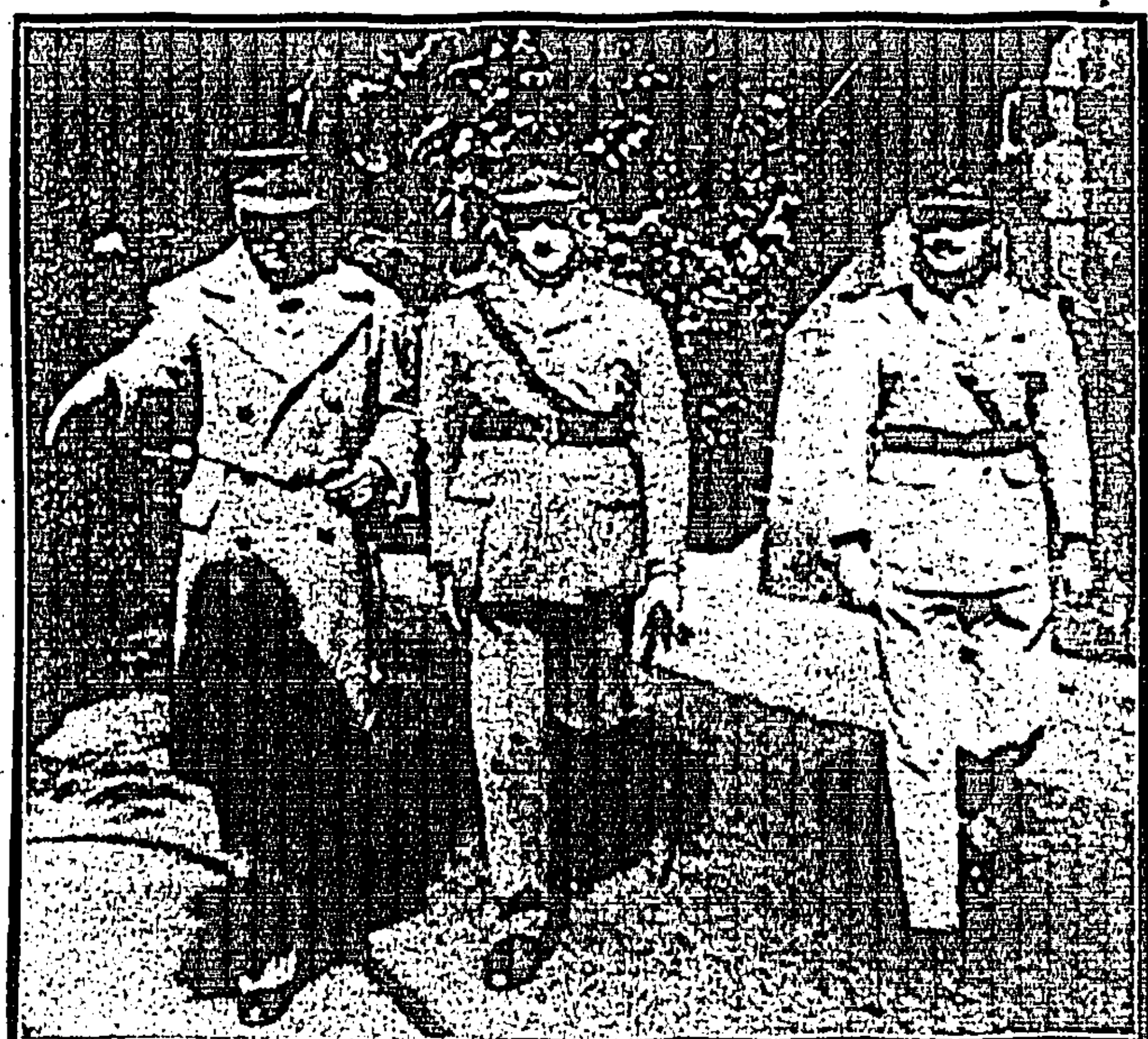
Local Sport



A study in expressions during Sunday's Recrelo v C.B.A. hockey match in King's Park.



A tense moment during last Saturday's quadrangular tournament between the Army and Club Fifteens. (Kahn).



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(Above) — Forwards get their feet to it when the pack breaks up during last Saturday's Army v Club quadrangular tournament. (Kahn).



(Right)—Taken during last Sunday's hockey match between Recrelo and C.B.A. at King's Park.



Spectators and players at the hockey match in King's Park last Sunday between C.B.A. and Recrelo.



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(By Reuter's Military Commentator)

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These results may be infinitely far-reaching, and decisive results can only be attained if the campaign is carried on with the utmost vigour.

Everything depends on that word vigour — that is to say, the strategy of campaign must largely be decided by the character of the commander-in-chief.

Main decision before him seems to be whether or not to pursue a cautious policy of not pressing forward to the sea and of giving up the idea of destroying the Italian army in Albania.

Object of such a policy would be to establish a good line of communication behind him and avoid counter-attack from the Italians.

Such a policy may be theoretically safer than a dash advance but is it in practice?

The Italians would be given time to recover and would have time to bring fresh reinforcements from Italy.

Issue For Greeks?

Would the position of the Greek Army then be so safe?

In addition to the recovered morale of the Italians time would have been given to Hitler to act and bring overwhelming numbers against it.

There are many instances of armies which have rushed forward, out-marched their supplies and encountered fresh forces of the enemy which then defeated them.

In 1920 the Turks inflicted just such a defeat on the Greeks.

But a successful war is not made by blindly following rules and copying previous campaigns without regard to divergent circumstances.

Many Examples

There are, if one seeks them, many examples of immense gains which have been obtained from a pursuit pushed forward relentlessly and with the utmost vigour — decisive points seized and hostile armies scattered and destroyed; and there are also examples of crushing victories, the full fruits of which were lost because the victor had not pushed the pursuit with relentless energy.

In the first category, Napoleon's pursuit of the Prussians after the Battle of Jena is a classic example.

In a few weeks after the battle the French were in Berlin and Prussia had fallen.

In the present war we have seen the tremendous consequences of relentless pursuit giving the enemy no time to recover or use fresh bases in the German pursuit of the French even as far as Bordeaux.

Second Category

In the second category, Wellington lost many fruits of his two greatest victories at Salamanca and Vittoria, by failing to pursue with sufficient energy.

In both cases the French recovered and resumed the offensive.

Many factors in the present situation in Albania would urge a vigorous pursuit.

Though lines of communication are difficult and railways conspicuous only by their absence, a rush to decisive points should not put undue strain on transport.

Naval Aid

Ships of the Greek and British navies should be able to give most effective assistance to an attack on Valona and Durazzo as soon as the Greek land forces are within striking distance.

If the Greek command can capture these ports the results will be almost decisive, as far as the war in Albania is concerned.

A great portion of the Italian army would be destroyed, being forced to surrender or die. Few could escape to the north.

Il Duce's Boasts

Despite Mussolini's boasts it should be practically impossible

for him to send into Albania fresh forces to readjust the balance in his favour, for his only port would be Santa Giovanni de Medici, in the northern corner of Albania.

Then, with a fairly short front resting on Lake Ohrida, in the east, and on the sea, in the west, the Greeks would be in a much better position to meet any eventualities which might arise. — Reuter.

LESSONS OF NAZI AIR SAVAGERY

Lessons learned from the raids on Southampton, Coventry, Birmingham, Bristol and elsewhere are being worked out and will be sent to every region in the country.

The Home Secretary and Minister of Home Security, Mr. Herbert Morrison, gave this assurance during a speech at Southampton yesterday in which he also paid tribute to the splendid fight put up by the Civil Defence Service and the magnificent spirit of the civil population under the city's recent ordeal.

"Grievous as the sufferings of Southampton and other heavily bombed towns have been," said Mr. Morrison, "we are trying to extract from them whatever advantage we can."

It may be some consolation to people in bombed cities to know that every time this ordeal is inflicted the next occasion will be a little more difficult and our own work in countering the attack a little more effective.

After expressing grateful appreciation of the effective help rendered by the Army in coping with some recent problems arising from bombing Mr. Morrison closed with a tribute to the extraordinary valour of the Greek nation whose example "gives use a timely reminder that courage, brains and inflexible determination can upset the calculations of a bully as unexpectedly and thoroughly as David with his sling overthrew the clanking champion of the Philistines." — British Wireless.

MOBILE CANTEENS

A sum of £1,500 has been remitted by cable on behalf of this Colony towards the purchase of Mobile Canteens.

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The B.W.O.F. appeals to the generous public of Hong Kong for donations. Amounts so subscribed should kindly be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, B.W.O.F., c/o The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp., with instructions to earmark such monies for the purchase of "Mobile Canteens."

British Trawlers Lost

Four British trawlers and one drifter were recently lost through damage sustained by mine-sweeping.

An official Admiralty communique issued in London yesterday alluded to the fact that the German High Command lay continual stress upon the mining of British ports.

These ports and their approaches, stated the communique, are kept clear of mines from day to day by the tenacity and courage of British mine-sweeping forces.

The enemy is using all manner of devices to prevent or hinder the sweeping of these mines.

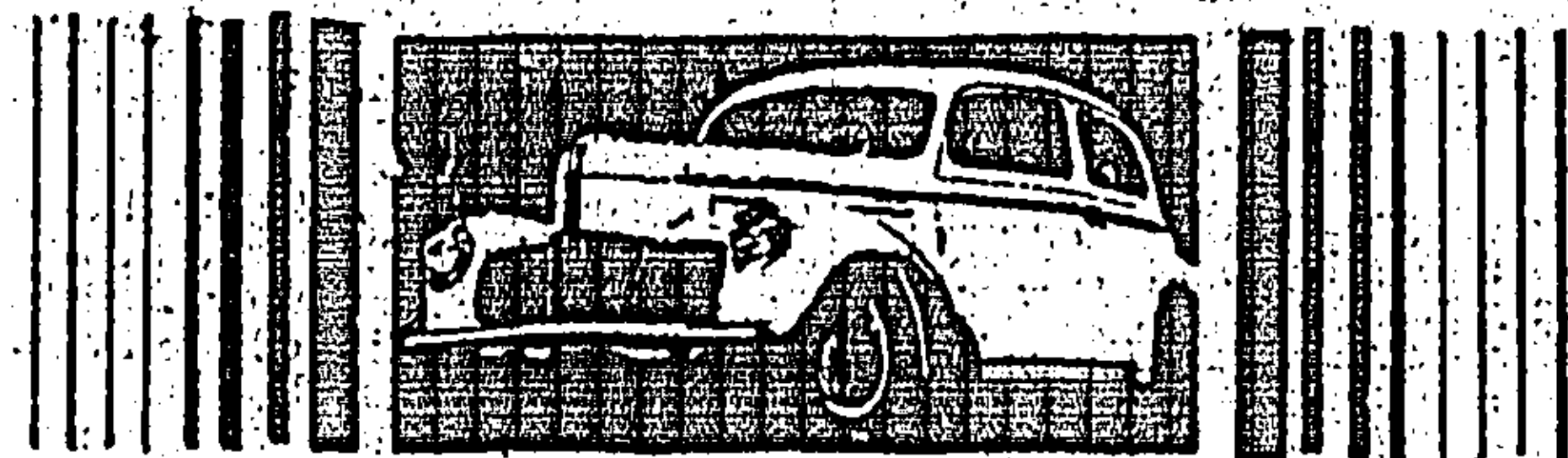
Although the success of these devices has been limited and is likely to decrease, they impose losses like the above mentioned upon our sweeping forces.

The trawlers lost are the Ethel Taylor, Amethyst, Elk and Colverton, and the drifter the Christmas Rose.

There are no casualties in Amethyst and Elk. — Reuter.

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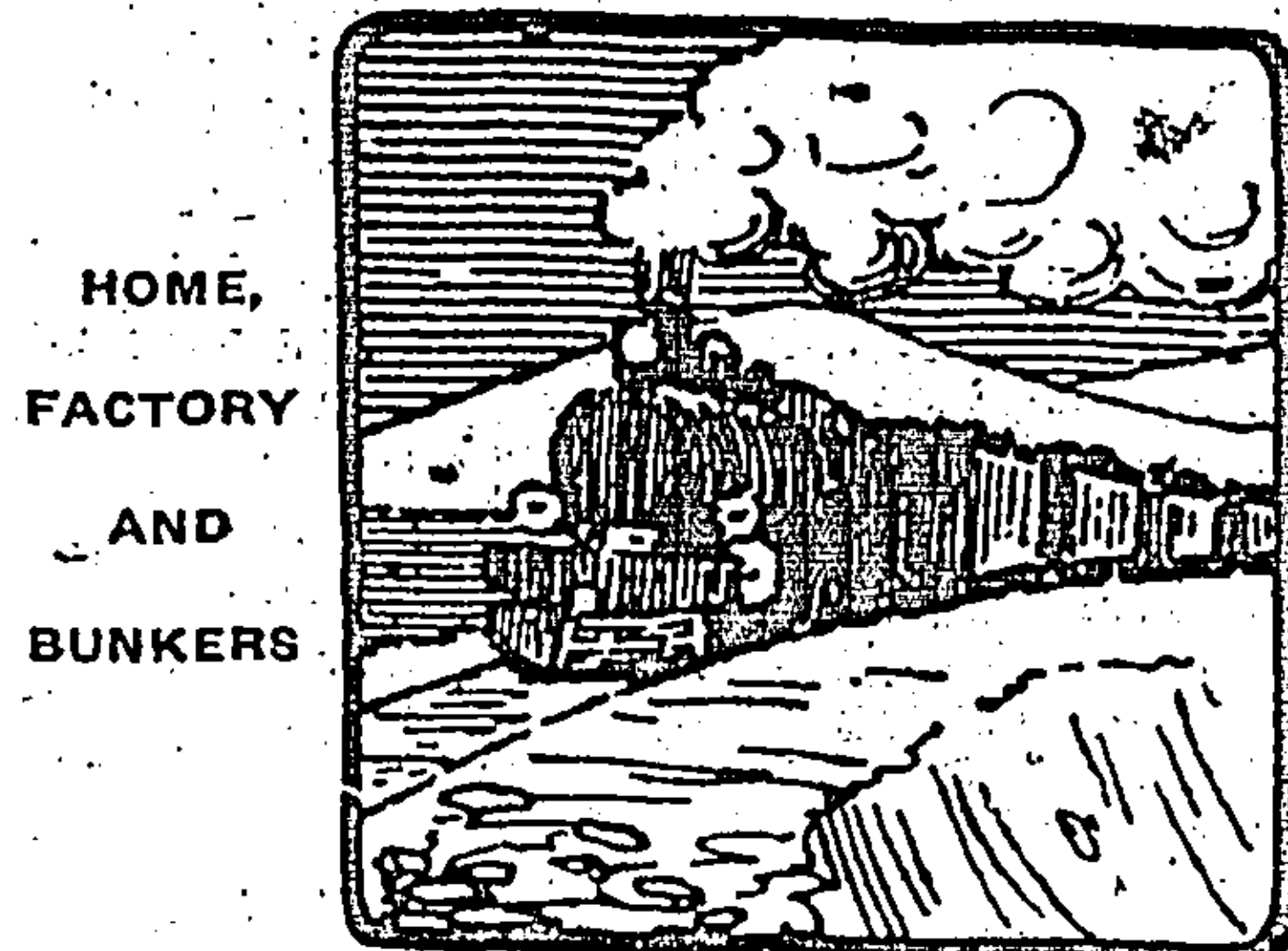
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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Blue Pool Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

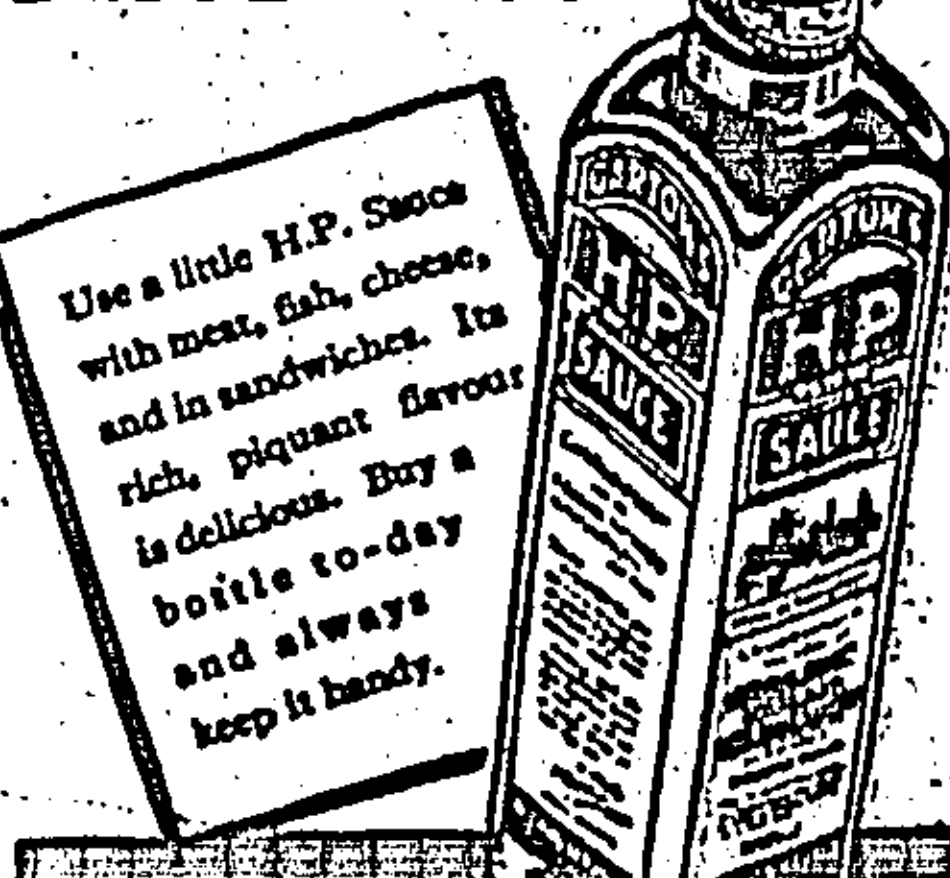
Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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BRIDGE NOTES

A USEFUL TRUMP

By The Four Aces

The inexperienced player often leaves a trump at large simply because he has forgotten about it—a lapse of which the experienced player is seldom guilty. The expert, too, sometimes leaves a trump out—but he has a reason for it:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
♠ Q 10 5
♥ 4
♦ A J 9 6 3
♣ A K 6 2

North
♠ 7 6 3
♥ 9 8 5 2
♦ K 5 2
♣ Q 10 3

West
♠ 8 7
♥ J 10 7 3
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 7 4

East
♠ A J 9 8 2
♥ A K Q 6
♦ J 9 5 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the eight of clubs, dummy winning with the King.

The Queen of spades was led for a finesse, losing to West's King, and then West returned his other trump. It was at this point that South decided not to draw East's last trump.

Instead he cashed dummy's King of clubs and discarded the low heart on dummy's Ace of diamonds. Next the low heart was led from the dummy, and South ran his other two high hearts—dummy discarding the low clubs. Now it was possible for South to lead a third round of clubs, while dummy ruffed out East's club Queen. A diamond ruff put South in to draw East's last trump (for now there was no longer a reason to allow him to hold it) and then the rest of South's cards were good.

It's true that South had to risk getting by safely with three rounds of hearts and two rounds of clubs while still leaving a trump at large; but normal breaks would allow his plan to succeed.

Yesterday you were playing a Small Slam contract. You had entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:

A J 8 4
Dummy

K 9 7 6 5

How did you play the trumps?

ANSWER: Lead the Ace of trumps first. If both hands follow, you can't lose more than one trick. If West shows out, you can lead towards your own hand, forcing East to play an honour—and this thus limiting him to one trick. If East shows out, you can take the King and lead towards dummy's Jack.

Score 100% for the recommended play, 0 for any other.

Question No. 582

To-day you are playing another Small Slam contract. You have entries to each hand, no losers in the side suits, and the following trump suit:

J 8 7 6
Dummy

You

A Q 9 5 4 3

How do you play the trumps?

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

SNORES UPSET HER, NOT THE BOMBS

How many Londoners react to air raids? shown by an old woman in a shelter in the centre area.

Asked by a correspondent "How do you find things here?" she said: "Ah, it would be all right but for one thing and that's terrible every night."

"It's the way some of the people snore."



The mentally sketched girl friend is sure her beau is complimenting her when he says her fuzzy head is filled to popping with amusing ideas.

MR. H. G. WELLS SURPRISES

AMERICANS, DETESTING ANY FORM OF CENSORSHIP, HAVE BEEN LISTENING CLOSELY TO THE CROP OF WELLKNOWN PEOPLE ARRIVING FROM ENGLAND.

Mr. H. G. Wells, who last visited America three years ago, has arrived for a lecture tour of ten weeks. Mr. Wells and his fellow-passenger, Lord Barnby, the wool magnate, both minimised the effects of the bombing of London.

Mr. Wells, a New York correspondent says, surprised reporters nurtured on Goebbels' tales of rapid annihilation of London.

"I have never yet been in a shelter," said Mr. Wells.

REFUGE ROOM JUSTICE

For the first time in its history, the Court of Appeal has delivered judgement in a refuge-room in the basement of the Law Courts.

The Court was hearing a divorce appeal when the sirens sounded.

Lords Justices Mackinnon, Clauson and Luxmoore at once journeyed to the refuge-room below, and there Lord Justice Mackinnon delivered judgement, remarking: "This is the first occasion on which the Court of Appeal has given judgment in such a place."



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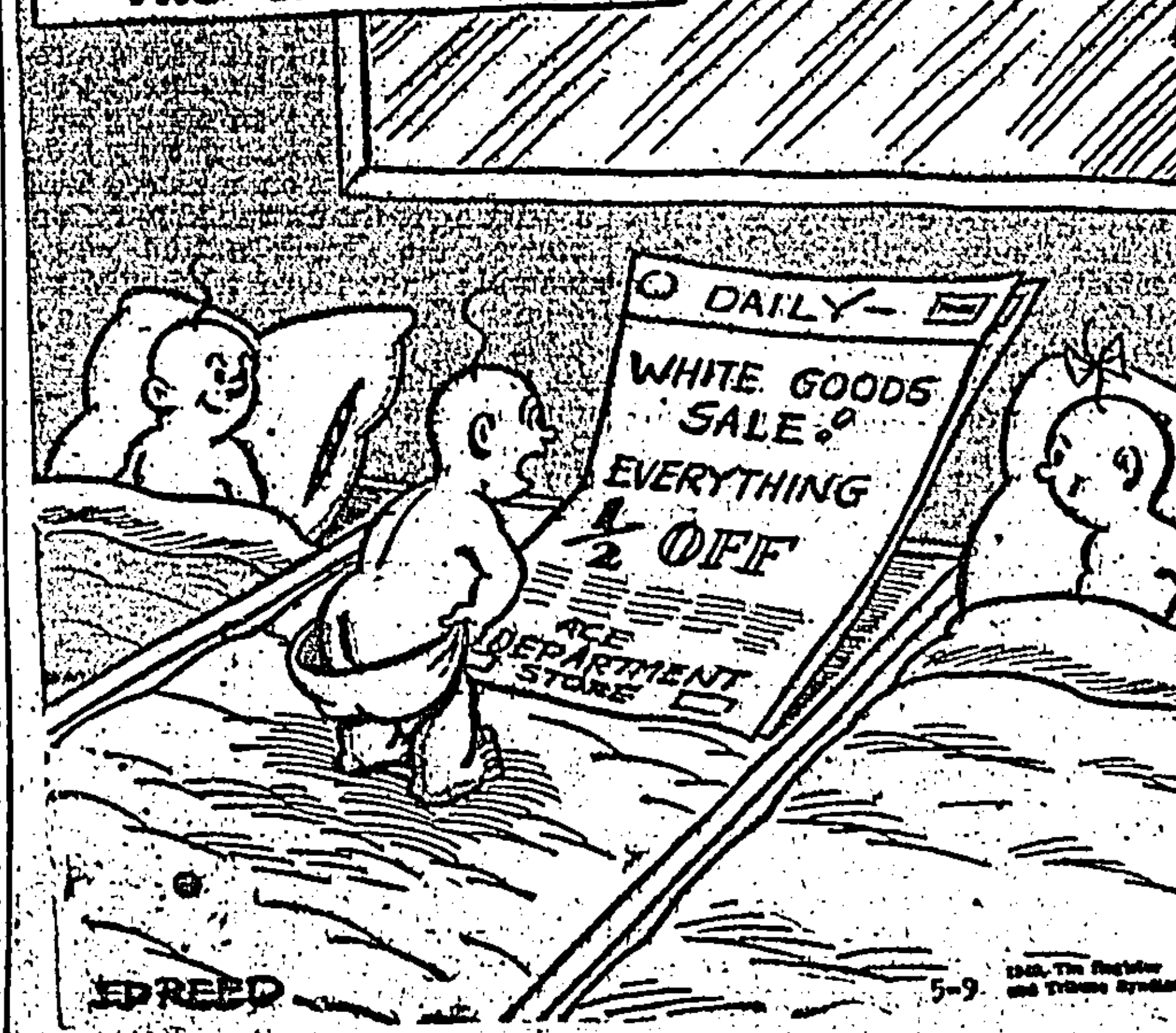
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Following were the results:—

Bantamweight:—O'Brien (C) beat Vipond (C).
Featherweight:—Woodrow (D) beat Daly (B).
Lightweight:—Bankier (A) beat McDougall (A).
Middleweight:—Chalmers (B) beat McCallum (B).
Light-heavyweight:—Wilson (C) beat Flynn (D).
Heavyweight:—Lt. Hunter (D) beat Coombe (C), knock-out.
Welterweight:—Urquhart (C) beat Laird (A).
Special contests:—Corrigan beat McKechnie, knock-out, McNally beat Spencer (Engineers).

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning:—

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	Col. Smith, G. W. Reeve.
9.20 "	B. O. Baldwin, W. J. Kelly.
9.24 "	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
9.28 "	A. A. Mackenzie, T. A. Pearce.
9.32 "	S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.36 "	A. V. Greaves, W. G. Robertson.
9.40 "	W. A. Stewart, A. H. McBride.
9.44 "	A. Pollard, A. Nicol.
9.48 "	J. Linaker, J. B. Harrison.
9.52 "	T. E. Pearce, I. H. C. Hight.

9.56	T. Low, J. Harrop.
10.00	A. McKellar, T. Megarry.
10.04	W. W. C. Shewan, D. S. Edward.
10.08	K. S. Robertson, F. D. Hunter.
10.12	F. A. Redmond, J. C. Taylor.
10.16	R. L. S. Webb, A. Mabb.
10.20	S. T. Butlin, G. Thomerson.
10.24	A. C. I. Bowker, H. H. Mundy.
10.28	J. Hart Davis, B. L. Stock.
10.32	A. E. Lisseman, D. Humphreys.
10.36	J. L. C. Peedee, D. I. Bosanquet.
10.40	J. M. and J. D. Thomson.
10.44	R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.48	J. G. Jensen, Major Alley.
10.52	Capt. Roberts, A. J. Plummer.

New Course

9.24 a.m.	G. C. Worrall, G. A. Leiper.
9.28 "	G. M. Park, W. Park.
9.32 "	R. Young, W. G. Crabbe.
9.36 "	S. L. Lloyd, G. Dodds.
9.44 "	W. J. McConnell, D. D. Forbes.
9.52 "	H. S. Jones, J. R. Way.
10.00	Mrs. Leiper, Mrs. Crabbe.
10.12	W. Stoker, E. L. Groome.
10.16	F. A. M. Elliott, P. Morrison.
10.24	C. M. Williams, H. F. Sommers.
10.32	E. A. Pritchard, R. D. Gillespie.
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The following are the events:—
Men's A teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres, 400 metres, 800 metres and 1,500 metres flat race; 110 metres and 400 metres hurdles.

Men's B teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres flat race.
Ladies' A teams: 50 metres sprint; 100 metres sprint; 200 metres and 400 metres flat race; and 80 metre hurdles.

Ladies' B teams: 50 metres and 100 metres sprint.

Men's field events: Shot-put; throwing the discus; high jump; pole jump; broad jump; javelin throwing and hop-skip-and-jump; for "A" teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events: Basket-ball throwing; shot put (8 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; throwing the discus and javelin throwing; for A teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

(N.B. Height for men competing in the B teams is not to exceed 5 feet; and for ladies, 4 feet 6 inches).

Open Events

The following events are open to the public:

Men's A teams: 400 metres relay, and 1,600 metres relay.

Men's B teams: 400 metres relay; Ladies teams: 400 metres relay. Open to all comers—10,000 metres.

Special events are the 400 metres relay open to all departments of the S.C.A.A., and 100 metres handicap.

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500 Trams @ \$17.10

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25 Electrics (New) @ \$38¼

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1,000 Providents @ \$5¼

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At a meeting held in the European Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday, Mr. C. Terran was elected Chairman of a body of those interested in promoting billiards, and Mr. C. T. Champelovier the Secretary. Members elected to form the Committee were Messrs. H. Neubronner, D. Crozier, R. Goldsman, S. Sykes and E. W. Ralston.

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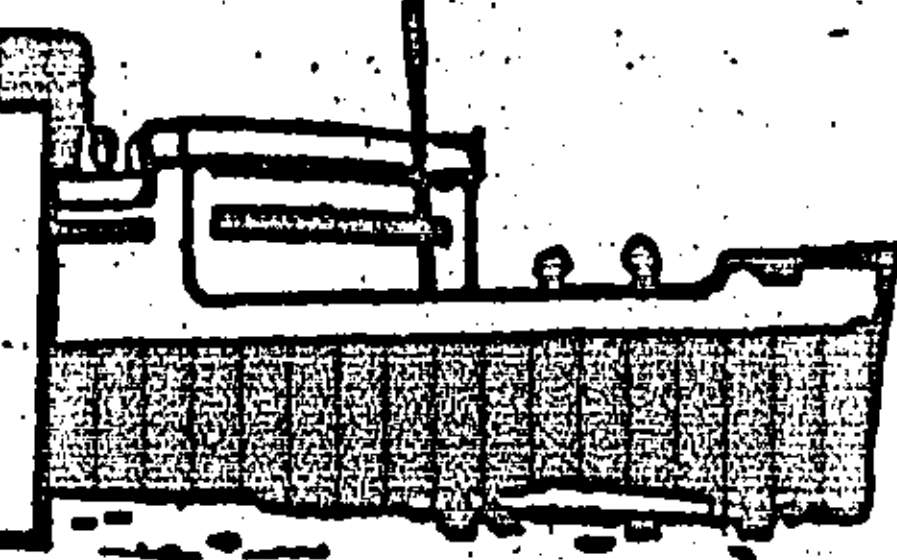
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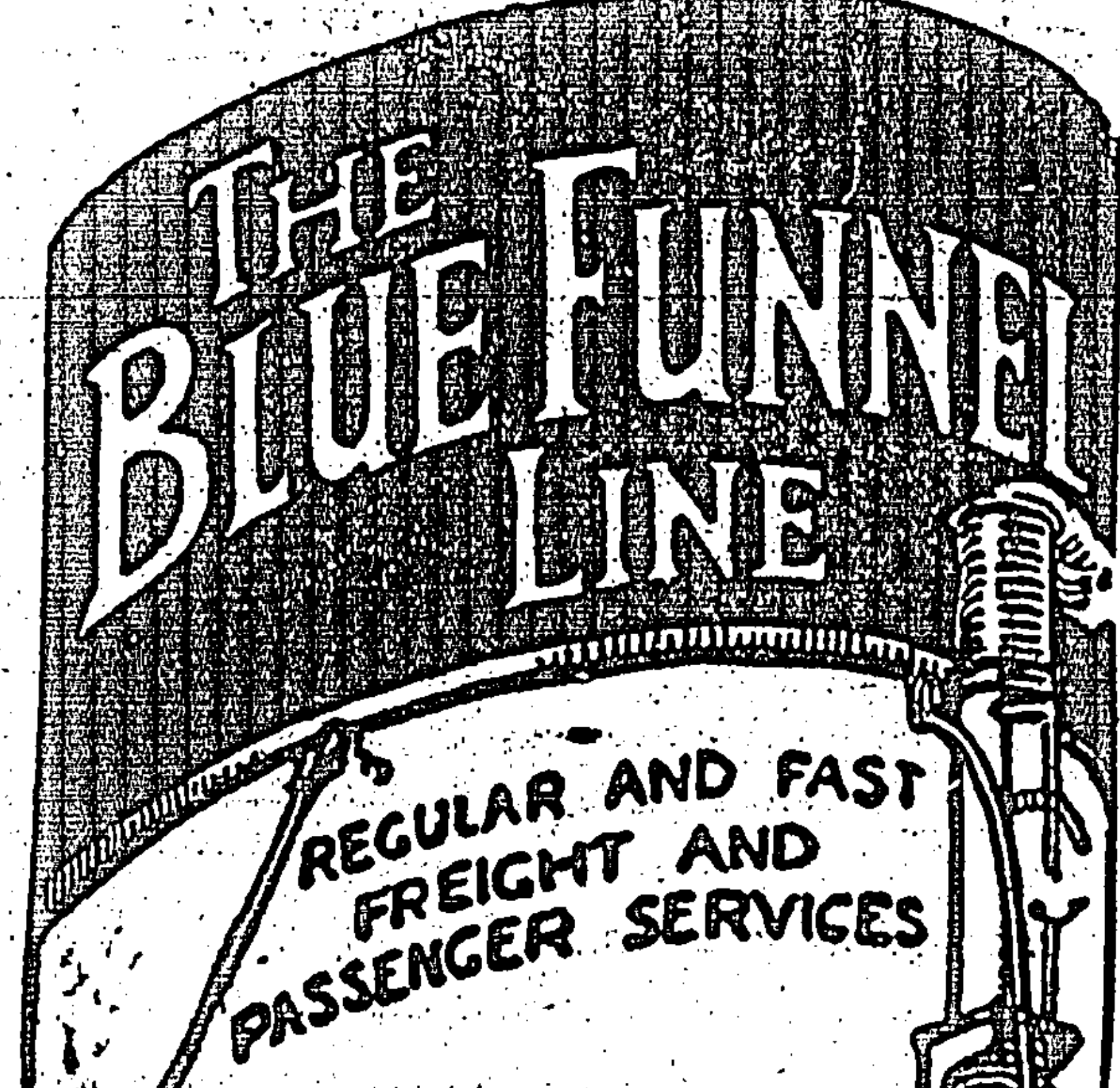
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REVIEW OF JUNIOR CLUBS

McNeill's Brilliance & Improvement Earn Recognition

LEADS PAVED WAY FOR K.B.G.C. PROMOTION

By "Skip"

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB HAD TO FIGHT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY TO SECURE PROMOTION AT THE EXPENSE OF KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB AND TAIKOO CLUB.

Much of the Austin Road team's success was due, I would say, to their excellent leads, for Pope, Sykes and Morton were as good a set as any three I can think of. Added to this was the experience of such players as Bob Duncan, dead at home, Henry Lockhart, who played for Civil Service Cricket Club for years, Drew and Waterson.

Bovaird's Improvement

Some of the Taikoo players, notably Hillon, Main and especially Bovaird, showed vastly improved form, but on the other hand one or two other fell off considerably. Jimmy Chalmers and Donald Munro were never quite the force of the previous season, the heavy greens seeming to upset the latter, whilst such consistent players as Melrose and Keown rarely failed to come off.

Regular Skips

Kowloon Football Club, who were runners-up on shots average, fielded only four regular skips during the whole of the season and I cannot help thinking that this had much to do with their success. Younghusband and Simpson played in practically every match, while Chittenden and Field shared the position in the other rink, the latter frequently being on duty.

Although Simpson proved to be their most improved player, Joe Eastman and Tony Lapsley also made excellent progress and should do well next year when the battle for promotion is resumed.

McNeill Promoted

Craigengower, although finishing fourth in the League, did not seem to be as formidable as in the past but they had one or two outstanding successes.

McNeill was positively brilliant as skip, losing only one game out of 10 before he virtually played him self into the first team, where he did equally well as number two.

Bill Way, I thought, was not as brilliant as of old, while Herbert Randall, general utility man, played pretty consistently, losing only one game of five when he skipped a rink.

Tribble For Promotion

Kowloon Cricket Club have one or two promising players, among whom I would especially pick out Major Parsons, who improved a lot in the off season. Both Tribble

and Bob Leigh made progress and should do well next season, when I think the former might make his way into the premier team.

Hsu And Castros Shine

Kowloon Tong's shining lights were Hsu and the brothers Castro, who both came on splendidly, Henry playing some deadly games as lead and Ted more than pulling his weight as second man. Stephens, as skip was also very consistent and he saved or added many shots.

Mackay was excellent on occasion but not quite consistent enough though he has a good idea of the game.

Recruits At Recreio

Not much can be said of Club de Recreio except that they have some very keen new players coming along and could I think easily raise four teams should they feel disposed to do so.

O. P. Remedios did not meet with the success of the previous year when he lost only once, but those sort of years come only once in a while.

Age And Enthusiasm

Eddie Souza skipped a rink regularly and had a good run midway through the season, though four losses in a row at the end

SELL-OUT FOR BIG MATCH

All the reserved tickets at \$1.00 in the uncovered stands for the League game between Eastern and Sing Tao have been sold and very few of the \$1.50 for the covered stand are left. It is expected that all reserved tickets will be sold out by this afternoon.

rather dirtied his copybook. Dick Alves' brother has taken to the game and shapes well as does F. X. Monteiro, who is very promising.

Hong Kong Cricket Club had a mixture of experience and enthusiasm, the former provided by Dai Davies, who did quite well when he took over a skip's job, and several of the old Yacht Club players like Brown, Cornell and Costello to mention just three.

The enthusiasm and not a little skill came from Alec Mackenzie, who took to the game naturally, Jimmy Mouat, Ronnie Edwards and of course our old friend "Z.B.W." Hansen!

C.S.C.C. Disappoint

Civil Service were again disappointing though one or two new players like Walker and Gardner shaped well, while I can say little kind about the Police players for the team won only one match!

PRISON OFFICERS DESERVE PROMOTION

By "Skip"

PRISON OFFICERS, deservedly won Third Division and promotion although they were only a couple of points better than Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Against which they can point out that they were getting on for a 100-shot better credit-balance than the Austin Road team.

Three players were outstanding in the Stanley team and all improved greatly on past performances. Firstly, McGrath, who not only did well in League games but made a brave show in the club's competition; secondly Tiny Freeman, who used to play, without any conspicuous success I may add, for Kowloon Cricket Club; and thirdly Webster, who unfortunately was not able to turn out in every match. The last named is better on his own green than away but will improve with time.

Scard, Elphick and Patrick showed excellent form for the Austin Road team who will be sorry to lose Patrick on transfer to another station when he recovers from his present illness. Len Jordan got the banner headlines early in the Season by securing an eight but I think he played more consistently when relieved of the responsibilities of skipping a rink.

H.K. Electric Fall Away

Hong Kong Electric tied Kowloon Bowling Green Club on points and at one time looked like winning this division but they faltered a little after a brilliant and even sensational start.

Gardner played some excellent games as lead and was by far the most improved player, though Sloan, who got a possible against Doctor Lam's rink, was very consistent as a skip as was Tarbuck his lead. V. Sorby was not called upon to play regularly but did quite well when he filled a gap.

"Chico" Wong made a name for himself in Kowloon Football Club's team, as did Ogden, whilst Dock Smalley enhanced his reputation considerably, playing some great games as skip.

Talent At H.K.F.C.

Although the team secured only fifth place in the League, there were one or two promising players in the Hong Kong Football Club's team.

Charlie Needham was the most improved player in the club and has a skip's temperament, whilst both A. and J. Watson did well, the latter especially.

Craigengower seemed to chop and change their team a lot but managed to win half their matches; no name comes to my mind as being at all above the others unless it is Esmail, who played in the first team towards the end of the season.

CLUB WITHOUT GODFREY

Club will be without G. B. Godfrey for their Quadrangular Rugby Tournament game against Navy to-morrow at the Valley, at 4 p.m.

Godfrey has injured his knee and is at present under doctor's orders.

G. G. Davies will take his place at wing-forward.

J. C. Charter may also be unavailable as his injury has not responded to treatment as fast as it might have done. In the event of his absence D. G. Day will be brought in at centre-threequarter.

More Army Changes

Army have had to make some more changes in their team to meet Police in the tournament at Sookunpo to-morrow at 4 p.m.

The team is as follows: Barclay; Picton; Willis; Coombs and McDonald; Hook and Wedderburn; Sutherland; Ford; Wompas; Millar; Edlison; Plinkerton; Duke and Gillan.

Reserves: Keeble, Foley, Berry and Heath.

Changes are: Picton for Richards; Willis for Douglas and Edlison for Heath, while Barclay is at full-back.

The team as it now stands is not an impressive one and the game should be very even, with Army forwards just carrying the day.

GRAPHIC GOLF



Grooving The Clubhead's Path

By BEST BALL

If one is slicing it is more than likely that he is coming onto the ball in the wrong manner. An outside in stroke cutting across the ball and adding left to right spin is the obvious cause. However, even when the player knows what is wrong, it is sometimes difficult to remedy the difficulty. If some definite path were outlined for the club head to follow in the hitting area, the cure could be more easily accomplished. Such a plan is possible by the mere use of tees.

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Next Article:—Smoothering Out The Stroke.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

AN APPRECIATION OF C.P.O. SPENKO

By "Strike"

QUITE a good five-game

Ten Pin match between U.S.S. Tulsa and the Alley Team was played at the Alleys on Friday. The Tulsa team were without that veteran Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who has left the China Station, and it was no doubt due to his absence that they lost by 178 pins.

In passing I would like, on behalf of all bowling fans, to express my deep sense of regret at losing this genial, laconic sportsman, whom we had come to regard as part and parcel of the Alleys.

To revert to the game mentioned above.

With the exception of Doc Molthen's effort, the scoring all round was much lower than usual. Molthen secured top score of the match with a good 848—rather lower than his usual and without one score of 200. Watts for the Alley team, was second with 778, just about the lowest score he has put up for some considerable time. He could only manage a very poor 128 in his fifth game, so he must have been out of touch!

Norg of Tulsa was not very far behind Watts with 731. The remaining players trailed away behind to make scores of between 702 and 731.

I cannot recollect Peterson of Tulsa ever putting up such a poor score—the lowest of the match. He made 697, including a miserable 102 in his second game!

Another Tulsa Win

Vasko and his Tulsa men were in action against Royal Corps of Signals in a five-game Duck Pin

match on Sunday, the match resulting in a win for Tulsa by 79 pins.

Duck Pin matches are always keen and interesting to watch, particularly when Tulsa visits port and clashes with the Signals or the Alleys representatives.

This match was no exception. The teams were:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—O. F. Drewes, J. A. Vasko, K. E. Beller, H. R. Holden.

Signals—J. W. Wright, A. A. Borg, F. Johnson and W. Wathen. Blount was unable to turn out and A. A. Borg of Tulsa substituted capably. Drewes, who is pretty consistent, did not disappoint on this occasion, being the star bowler of the match with a brilliant 514. Vasko, veteran Duck Pin bowler that he is, was not far behind with 507.

T. W. Wright did fairly well and got 402, to maintain the steady improvement in his Duck Pin play. I expect great things of this player.

Johnson who is new to Duck Pin match play, impressed me very much in his first turnout for Signals, while Holden, whom I do not remember having played in a similar match before did quite well to make a useful 443.

Return Match

The return match between the Alley team and Tulsa was played on December 3, and resulted in a win for Tulsa by 76 pins, the teams being:—

U.S.S. Tulsa—Pete Peterson, A. A. Borg, E. J. Moore and C. W. Engle.

Alley Team—Doc Molthen, J. H. Watts, S. A. Ismail and H. B. Wilkins.

Molthen was again top-scorer with 859 and he also had the distinction of being the only player on his side to top 200, bagging 203 in his fifth game. Peterson was

second highest score with 840 which included the highest individual score of the match, 209 in his fourth game. Borg came next with 833, while Moore was fair.

Engle of Tulsa was the only player on his side who failed to reach the 800 mark, his total being 734.

This player is new to match play, but his improvement has been clearly noticeable. Watts, with 822 was consistent.



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Last Race Meeting Of The Year

Big Dollar Sweep To Be Decided

By "Rapier"

THE MEETING to be held at Macao on Sunday will be the last under the auspices of Macao Jockey Club for 1940, and, judging by the entries received, should be well attended.

There are six events down for decision, most important being the Chung Shan Handicap on which a special dollar sweep has been organised.

The S.S. "Chungshan" of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co. will leave Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday and will return from Macao on Monday at 3.15 a.m.

First saddling bell will be rung at 2.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 3.00 p.m. sharp.

RACE NO. 1—"THE KIN SHAN HANDICAP": FIVE FURLONGS

Opening race of the day is a sprint event confined to "X" Class China ponies of Macao Jockey Club. Sports Venture, although unplaced in the Republican Handicap (Third Section) at the November meeting, has again been given 168 lb. to carry and must, therefore, on the official handicapper's estimation, be regarded as the best pony. As it will again be ridden by Mr. J. Nolasco, who will have an allowance of 5 lb., the weight should not jeopardise its chances.

The Mermaid has been penalised by 5 lb. for coming in third to The Spirit of St. Louis at the previous meeting, with Sports Venture, and, on that performance, should do well. Its principal opposition is likely to come from either Black Diamond or Eagle, which were first and second respectively in the Tai Sam Bar Handicap over six furlongs.

My selections are The Mermaid to win with Black Diamond second and Eagle third.

RACE NO. 2—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "E" Class China ponies, classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club. Judging from the entries, Lancashire Chap (Mr. Chao), in view of its third placing in the Taipo Stakes at the Valley to King's Worthy and Zero, and the fact that these two ponies will not be competing, should win.

It should, however, receive stern opposition from Radium Star (Mr. Liang), the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section), which is quite fast over this distance.

Ascot Vale (Mr. Pan) which was fourth to Lancashire Chap in the above race is another pony that should not be disregarded as it is quite fit at the moment.

Heddon will again be taken out by its owner-jockey, Mr. Lo Kwong-to and, as it lost to Radium Star by only a neck at Macao in the last meeting, should be near at the finish.

Nevertheless, I fancy Lancashire Chap to win, with Radium Star second and Ascot Vale third.

RACE NO. 3—"THE DECEMBER HANDICAP": ONCE ROUND

"D" Class China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will figure in this race. King's Worthy (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming), the winner of the Taipo Stakes, has been promoted and although it will carry 151 lb., having been penalised by 1 lb., Mr. Hoo will receive 5 lb. allowance, so it should be well up with the leaders if it does not actually win.

Then there is Phoenix (Mr. Liang), which came in second to Eve of Hunting in the Hunan Handicap (First Section) over the Champions distance, to be reckoned with and the Leopard (Mr. Chao) which should do better with only 148 lb. to handle.

Chatterbox (Mr. Chanson-Feng) has been in poor form recently and for that reason, I think it can be left alone. I look to King's Worthy to pass the winning post first, with Phoenix and The Leopard fighting it out for second place.

RACE NO. 4—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Second section of "E" Class

China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club will contest this race. Gallant Marshal (Mr. Liang), which was third in the Republican Handicap (Second Section) has not had its weight altered, but I do not fancy its chances as the opposition is quite powerful. I prefer National Liberty which was made favourite in the Taipo Stakes over the mile, and, although unplaced on that occasion it will probably win this race, as the distance is more to its liking. Dow-Jones (Mr. Yuen) has been given top-weight of 168 lb., followed by Geordie (Mr. Sequeira) with 165 lb. and although they are good over this distance, I am afraid the heavy burden is likely to prevent them from winning. King's Envoy (Mr. K. I. Ip) was a disappointment at the last meeting in Macao but, given a good start, should do well.

My selections are National Liberty, Geordie and Gallant Marshal.

RACE NO. 5—"THE CHUNG SHAN HANDICAP": ONE MILE

This is the main event of the afternoon and "Y" Class China ponies of the Macao Jockey Club that have started at a Race Meeting since January 1940 will compete. On the result of this race the big \$1.00 Sweep will depend. Victory Life (Mr. K. Kwok) won the Tongkawan Handicap at the last meeting carrying 150 lb. and although it will be asked to carry 162 lb. with a 5 lb. allowance it will actually be carrying 157 lb. For that reason I feel that its chances of repeating its previous success are good. Shanghai 4 for coming in second to Victory Life in the above race has gone up by 2 lb. and as it has regained some of its old form it should again fight out the finish with the above pony and probably avenge its last defeat.

Meadow Eve (Mr. Chao), which was expected to win at the last meeting, could only fill the minor position but as it will be running at 7 lb. less on this occasion, it should not be disregarded as it is capable of winning.

Hogmanay, although entered, did not start at the last meeting, and, with only 140 lb. to handle, looks dangerous here. It will not surprise if it causes an upset.

Victory Life is my choice for first place, with Shanghai 4 second and Meadow Eve third.

RACE NO. 6—"THE KAU TUNG HANDICAP" (THIRD SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This race will wind up the programme for the day and the year, and will be contested by third

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

Small Units Rugby Football

TWO games were played at Sookunpoo on Tuesday in the Small Units Rugby League between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals, and the Middlesex "B" team and the Combined Fifteen of the Service Corps and Ordnance.

The first match between the 5th A.A. and the Medicals resulted in a win for the Gunners by 16 points to nil.

The game was very interesting to watch and the Gunners showed, better understanding in their play and well deserved their win, although the Medicals did not lose heart and kept on trying until the end.

In the second game, the Middlesex beat R.A.S.C. and R.A.O.C. by 12 points to nil after giving a fine display of Rugby.

The Small Unit Leagues to date are below.

Small Units Leagues

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	2	2	0	0	4
Middlesex	2	1	1	0	3
8th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	1	1	1
Signals	1	0	0	1	0
R.A.S.C.	1	0	0	1	0

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
Engineers	2	2	0	0	4
5th A.A.	2	1	0	1	2
R.A.M.C.	2	1	0	1	2
12th Hvy. Regt.	2	0	0	2	0

It looks as if Royal Scots and Engineers will win their respective Leagues and will play in the final, although Middlesex are only a point behind the Scots. The League should be decided when these teams meet next week.

Polo

IN the first round of the K.O.Y.L.I. Cup knockout competition played at Boundary Street on Wednesday the Artillery teams did well to win both their matches against the Middlesex and Fixed Defences.

First game, between the H.K.S.R.A. "B" team and the Fixed Defences, resulted in a win for the Gunners by 5-3, goals being scored by Capt. Duncan (2); Capt. Monro (2) and Capt. Atkinson for the H.K.S.R.A. and for the Defences Capt. Forrester (2) and Lieut. Colonel Way (1).

The second game was played between the H.K.S.R.A. "A" team and the Middlesex and resulted in a big win for the former by 11 goals to nil.

The H.K.S.R.A. were far superior to the Middlesex in all phases of the game and well deserved their victory.

Capt. T. W. Chattey played a good game for the losers but his side lacked confidence in front of the goal.

Goal scorers were Major Wilson (6); Lieut. Smith (4) and Lieut. Fielden.

Hockey

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Large Units Hockey League commenced with the undermentioned results:

Combined Small Units drew with the Royal Scots, each scoring one goal.

Middlesex beat Engineers by four goals to one.

section of China ponies classified by Hong Kong Jockey Club as "E". The Spirit of St. Louis, for its win in the Republican Handicap (third section) at the last meeting, has been penalised by 2 lb. and it should again figure prominently, probably winning again.

There is, however, Persian Cat (Mr. Yuen) to be reckoned with as it lost only by a head to the above pony. As it will be receiving 4 lb. from it on Sunday, it should just about reverse its last meeting defeat. Mac's Adventure (Mr. Yeh) is also to be considered, as well as National Anthem (Mr. Poon), with Sunshine Suele (Mr. Yuen) a possible menace.

I think first place will again be fought out by The Spirit of St. Louis and Persian Cat with Mac's Adventure taking third place.

5th A.A. drew with the Punjabs 1-1; 12th R.A. beat the 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. by 2-1.

In the Hong Kong Hockey Tournament the Engineers are still winning, their latest victims being the A. N. Other XI whom they beat on Sunday by two goals to one.

The Sappers scored their two goals in the first 10 minutes of the game through Denyer and Homburg. Next Sunday they meet Police "A" and will need a strong team.

Billiards

ON Tuesday Royal Air Force played Y.M.C.A. in a friendly game of billiards, and lost by 173 points.

R.A.F.	Y.M.C.A.
W. O. Williams	100
Cpl. Edwards	61
F. Aikman	43
Cpl. Smith	83
	W. Kemp 99
	S. Terran 100
	F. Sykes 100
	C. T. Champelovier 100

L. A. C. Taylor 49 E. de Cosier 100

Total 326 499
Messrs Windsor Bros. have kindly offered to present Area Billiards with a silver shield the designation of which will be decided by the Billiards Secretary. This is a very fine gesture, and will be very much appreciated by Units of the Garrison.

The following Trophies will be awarded in the Garrison Billiards and Snooker competitions this year:—
Highest Billiards break for the year in all competitions (One Silver Cup);

Highest snooker break for the year (One Silver Cup);
Greatest number of Billiards breaks of 20 and over in all competitions (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate one frame of snooker actually played (One Silver Cup);

Highest aggregate for the year in the Garrison Billiards League only (One Silver Cup Presented by the R.A.M.C.).

Football

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday the Service Corps dedicated the Ordnance Corps by five clear goals in their Second Division encounter and move to the top of the League.

The Service Corps are after breaking the local goal-scoring record for one season, which is 88 goals. So far they have scored 65 goals in 11 matches!

Athletics

THE Signals have one entry for the South China Athletic Association Sports meeting on December 20 and January 1, in the 10,000 metres flat race. This is Sg. Lewis who did well in the Kowloon Marathon last month and should be capable of holding his own in this event.

At the annual Unit athletic representatives meeting held last week the following decisions were made with regards to the Area cross-country runs and Athletics which will take place towards the end of April.

This year Army will hold two separate cross country runs, one for British and Chinese personnel only, and one for Indian personnel only.

Middlesex Activities

Middlesex Regiment will shortly be holding their Inter-Company Novice boxing competition which will commence on December 16.

They are also starting their Annual Albuhera Tug-of-War competition held amongst the Companies of the Battalion.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY RUGGER SUCCESS

The New Zealand Army rugby team yesterday beat Oxford University by 21 points to 5 at Oxford.

Oxford meets Cambridge in the annual Inter-Varsity match on Dec. 7.—Reuter.



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SOCCER SENSATION

BIG GAME
MAY BE
POSTPONED

According to "Sing Tao Jih Pao" this morning Sing Tao are applying for a postponement of their First Division football game against Eastern on Sunday on the ground that several of their best players, among whom are Soong Ling-sing, Ip Pak-wah, Lau Ting-sang and Chi Ah-fai were injured recently in their game against Macao.

The paper further adds that Sing Tao hope that the postponement will be granted, but if this is refused Sing Tao are willing to forfeit the two points.

If the game has to be played Sing Tao will only be able to field a depleted team or may play their whole Junior team.

It will be recalled that in the first game Eastern applied for permission to postpone their game against Sing Tao, but permission was refused. Eastern forfeited both points and were fined \$25 for not fulfilling the fixture. Incidentally Sing Tao through this lost their best game of the season.

Enquiries from the Football Association revealed that no application for a postponement had been made up to 11 a.m.

As revealed on page 13 of this issue there has been an unprecedented demand for tickets for this match.

FOOTBALL FOR
SOCIAL WELFARE

Kwong Wah are to-morrow playing a First Division Football Match at Boundary Street, Kowloon, against the Hong Kong Football Club, and the proceeds will be devoted to the funds of the Hong Kong Race and Social Welfare Council who are doing a lot of good work in instituting free school food kitchens and other welfare work in this Colony.

The match will be played under the patronage of H.E. Major General A. E. Grasett.

RATCLIFFE,
TROPP AND
GOSS SHINE

A big partnership between Ratcliffe and Goss and another splendid bowling feat by Tropp were chiefly responsible for the Royal Engineers' cricket win over Royal Air Force in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpoo yesterday by 49 runs.

Ratcliffe hit a six and seven fours in his 53, while Goss found the boundary six times.

ROYAL ENGINEERS

Tropp, b Hawkins	5
Pelham, b Hawkins	13
Bailey, c Brown, b Smith	8
Ratcliffe, b Hawkins	53
Goss, lb.w., b Hawkins	40
Denyer, b Hemsley	17
Hawkins, b Hawkins	0
Monaghan, c and b Hemsley	0
Gough, not out	1
Nold, b Hemsley	0
Extras (B10)	16

Total 153

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	6	1	47	1
Hemsley	0	0	33	2
Hawkins	7	0	51	5
Naylor	1	0	6	0

R. A. F.

Palling, b Tropp	0
Stockham, c Ratcliffe, b Tropp	0
Hunt, b Tropp	0
Abbas, c Pelham, b Tropp	10
Richardson, b Denyer	0
Hemsley, ht. wkt., b Tropp	21
Naylor, c Pelham, b Tropp	0
Brown, b Denyer	34
Hawkins, not out	5
Smith, b Tropp	0
Gallagher, not out	4
Extras (B10, LB1, W3)	10

Total 104

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	11	2	27	7
Ratcliffe	5	2	19	0
Denyer	0	0	32	2
Goss	2	0	14	0

Middlesex Headquarters
Beat The Royal Scots
Bright And Sheehan In Splendid FormBADMINTON
EXHIBITIONS

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "tit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his teammate C. Au by a similar score.

The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. W. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y" if last night's exhibition is any criterion.

Fowler's Great
Game In Defence

By "Sportshawk"

FOLLOWING A VERY hard fought match "H.Q." Company of Royal Scots at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon, lost to "H.Q." Company of Middlesex, who thus entered the final of the Small Units' Knockout Football Competition.

The winners were best served by their pivot, Bright, and inside-left, Sheehan, both Interceptors. The former played a brilliant game throughout, being very impressive both with his spilling and distribution, while the latter made many scoring opportunities.

Apart from these two players, Revell was very steady in defence and Smith held his own well at left-half, while Pearson and Moggeridge formed a strong right flank attacking unit.

On the whole, the Middlesex team displayed very sound combination and dominated the greater part of the play.

For the Scots, Salter, although twice-beaten was quite sound between the sticks and Fowler, right back, distinguished himself. The

latter player broke up many opposition attacks and it is safe to say that without him a larger score might have been registered against them.

Parnaby was the only one to shine in the intermediate line for the Scots, while Holden and Gilroy were the pick of their forwards.

Pearson scored the opening goal through a penalty against Fowler for hands in the first half, while Moggeridge registered the final goal after robbing Salter of the ball in the second period.

"H.Q." Coy., Middlesex:—Michin; Stickley and Revell; Jackson, Bright and Smith; Moggeridge, Pearson, Hynes, Sheehan and Endersby.

"H.Q." Coy., Royal Scots:—Sal-

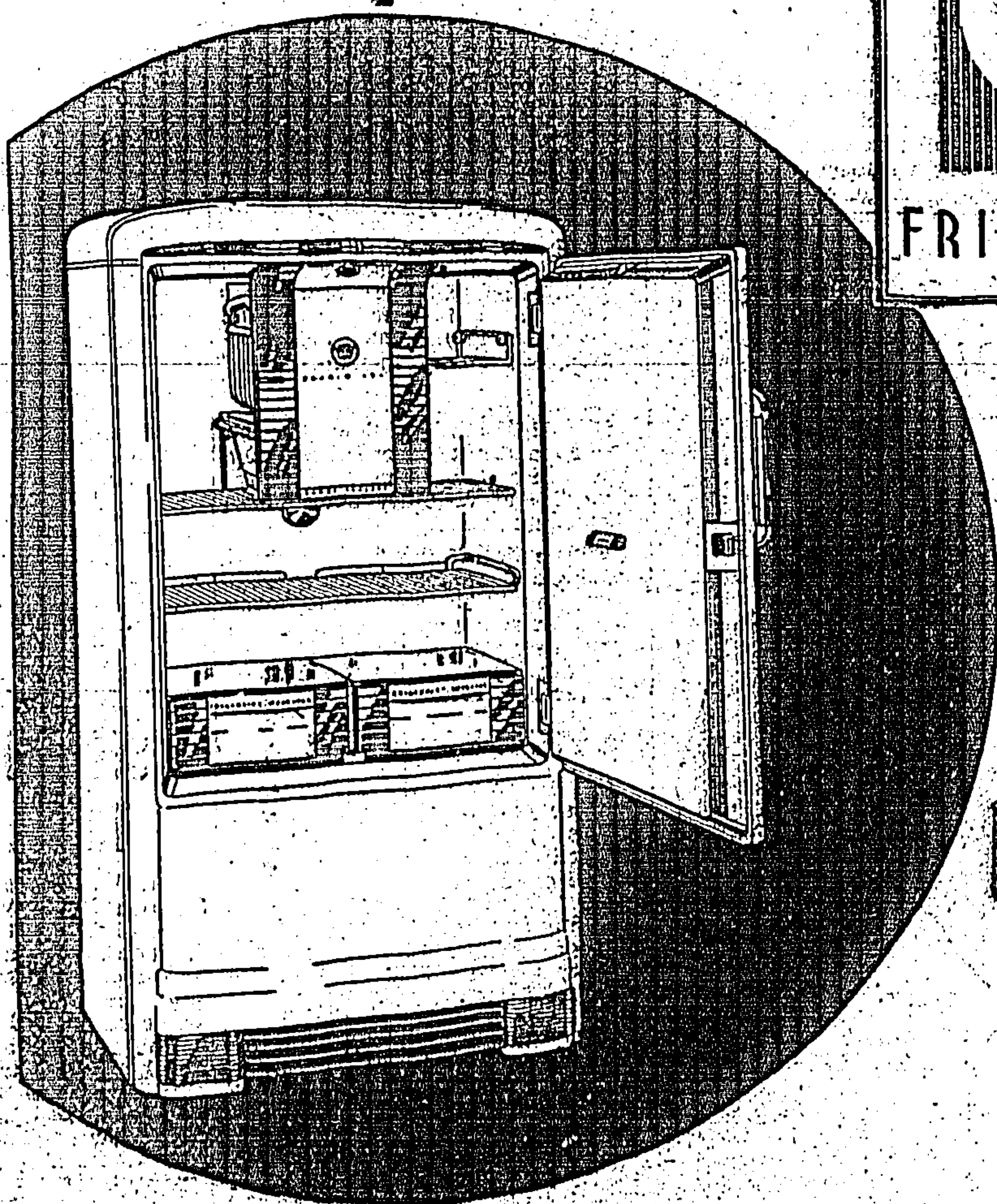
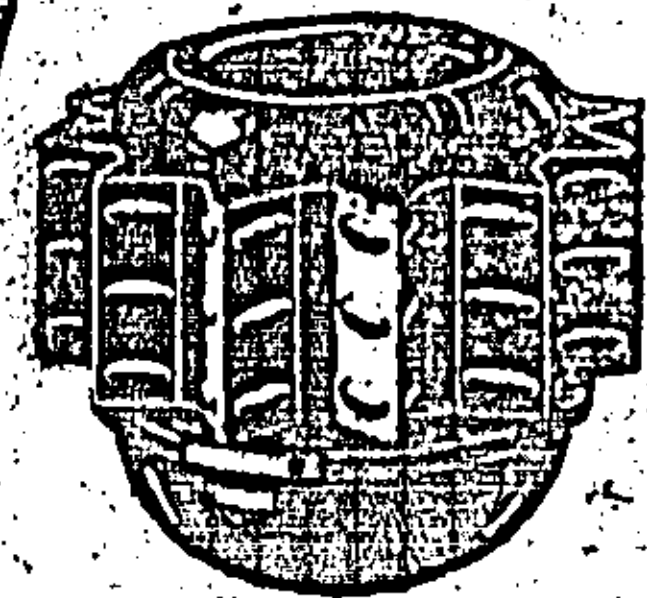
KOWLOON
CHESS
SURPRISE

A surprise feature of yesterday evening's programme in the Kowloon Chess Club Tournaments was the defeat of K. M. A. Barnett, the Colony Champion, by A. Y. Biriukoff.

Biriukoff, who had only the day before beaten D. E. de Carvalho, has thus assumed the lead in Section "B" of the Senior Tournament.

In other Senior games, L. Karpovich beat K. Weiss and D. E. de Carvalho beat W. Lee while the game between M. W. Olsufeff and B. D. Evans ended in a draw as did that between C. M. Sequeira and G. S. Coxhead. In a Junior Tournament game, J. Grefalda beat F. A. Fabel.

ter; Fowler and Fraser; Gibb, Gibson and Parnaby; Stevens, Gordon, Holden, Bailly and Gilroy.

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DUSSELDORF BOMBED TWELVE HOURS BY R.A.F.

Heavy Raids From North Germany To Turin

JAPANESE AERODROME BLAZE

A big fire broke out at the Japanese aerodrome at Tazang, north-west of Shanghai, yesterday afternoon, according to a report in the Shanghai "Shun Pao."

Several Japanese planes and drums of gasoline were destroyed. The conflagration raged for more than two hours.—Central News.

RAIDS ON GRAZIANI BASES

In the Western Desert, El Adem, Sollum and Sidi Barani were bombed on Tuesday night, stated an Air Ministry news bulletin yesterday.

Aircraft of a Rhodesian squadron successfully raided stores

Italy's Main Arsenal Heavily Hit

R.A.F. BOMBERS on Wednesday night made an attack on various objectives in the Dusseldorf area where fires and explosions resulted from the bombing.

Another force of British aircraft, states the Air Ministry, bombed selected targets at Turin and considerable damage was observed by bomber crews.

Other targets attacked included the ports of Antwerp and Calais and several enemy aerodromes, as well as searchlight and anti-aircraft gun positions.

One British aircraft is missing from the operations over Italy but all other aircraft returned safely.

The big Mannesmann Rehrenwerke armament works, employing some 6,000 people, railway yards in the Derendorf district,

and dumps on the road east of Chelga. The dumps were burnt out.

A direct hit completely wrecked the railway station building at Adarte, while goods trucks on sidings and a group of huts in the station were also badly damaged.

One of our reconnaissance aircraft failed to return but with this exception all these operations were carried out without loss.—Reuter.

quays and dockyards along the Rhine and at Dusseldorf, and coal and gas plants were among the main objectives of our raids.

There was much cloud but the first arrival was lucky in finding a gap and over a dozen fires followed the bursts of his high explosive and incendiary bombs.

12-Hour Attack

Our aircraft continued to raid Dusseldorf at intervals for nearly 12 hours.

One pilot saw "fifteen to twenty good fires" in an around the Derendorf railway yards and the flare of fires striking up through the cloud banks told of crippling damage.

Turin Arsenal

The Royal Arsenal at Turin was the chief objective of our attacks on Italy and much was done to reduce the arsenal's output of guns, tanks, ammunition and other instruments of war.

The British pilots flew through dense cloud until they reached the Alps but the clouds suddenly cleared and visibility over Turin was excellent.

First news of the raid received in England was a message from one pilot: "Raid successful, weather perfect," states the Air Ministry news service.

Several hours later the first of the aircraft returned.

Fiat Works Hit

On the way to the arsenal one bomber placed a stick of bombs across the Fiat works but the majority of the attackers concentrated on the Royal Arsenal.

Flares were dropped and a large fire started immediately. Grey smoke curled up for 2,000 to 2,000 feet.

Other bombers quickly appeared and for two hours, beginning shortly after nine o'clock, they bombed the arsenal.

Fires and explosions were so numerous, according to the report of one pilot, that it was impossible to distinguish the effect of bombs falling among them.

Fierce Explosion

Seven minutes after the last bomber left on the return journey a fierce explosion was heard and flames shot up again and were visible for 50 miles on the homeward journey.

Large fires were also started at the Fiat works.

Two bombs burst on the roof and one large explosion was observed.

A subsidiary Fiat factory, manufacturing both motor and aero engines was also attacked. Two sticks of bombs burst directly on the main buildings after which a glow was visible, and later it was clearly seen that an internal fire was raging.—Reuter.

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SECOND TRY IN THREE NIGHTS

Mr. W. L. Lewis, of No. 250, Sassoon Road, was disturbed by a burglar during the night. The intruder, flashing a torch round the room, awakened Mr. Lewis and the man, finding himself detected, bolted.

This was the second attempt on the house in three nights, the occupants of the upper flat having been disturbed by the breaking of a window on Tuesday night.

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